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Thatcher and Baker clash on school testing

Labour leak letter revealing sharp gulf

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Downing Street yesterday began investigating how a letter from the Prime Minister to Mr Kenneth Baker disclosing a serious rift over education policy came to be made public.

The letter, leaked by the Labour Party but not yet the subject of a formal inquiry, discloses Mrs Thatcher's deep antipathy towards the formula put forward by her Secretary of State for Education and Science for the testing of pupils throughout their school careers.

The sharp difference of view revived speculation among Conservative MPs that Mrs Thatcher and Mr Baker, one of her chief lieutenants, remain ideologically apart whatever their public posture.

Insiders were also suggesting that the Prime Minister's letter reflects her distrust of senior officials at the Department of Education and Science and the educational establishment rather than any lack of confidence in her minister.

She retains a deep suspicion of the department since her days as education minister in the Heath government. Nevertheless, the tone and content of the letter were seen at Westminster as amounting to a rebuke for Mr Baker.

Labour MPs were quick to point to past differences between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Baker over the degree to which schools would take up the opportunity to opt out of local authority control, and the confusion that marred the launch of the education section of the Tory manifesto when Mr Baker had to counter Mrs Thatcher's suggestion that grant-maintained schools might be able to charge fees.

The letter, from Mr Paul Gray, the Prime Minister's private secretary responsible for home affairs, to Mr Tom Jeffrey, Mr Baker's principal private secretary, was made public by Mr Jack Straw, the Labour spokesman on education. He said it revealed the "major gulf" between the two.

Mr Gray's letter, which stems from a report published in January by the Secretary of State, was drawn up by the Government-appointed task group on assessment and testing chaired by Professor Paul Black of King's College, London.

The group was charged with putting flesh on the bones of the Tory manifesto commitment to underpin the proposed national curriculum by bringing in benchmark testing of all pupils in basic subjects at the ages of seven, 11, 14 and 16, and by publishing the results on a school-by-school basis. Its report was welcomed by Mr Baker, who complimented Professor Black on the "speed and thoroughness" of the group's work.

Mr Gray's letter says that although Mrs Thatcher agreed to Mr Baker welcoming the report as a broad framework in which attainment targets could be fitted, there were a number of aspects she found "disturbing".

Among them was the "enormously elaborate and complex" supervisory system requiring the setting up of two new powerful statutory bodies, and the emphasis on diagnostic and formative testing rather than summative (educational jargon for saying that the kind of testing system envisaged would preclude direct comparisons between schools).

Others were the impression that the costs of the exercise would be "very large", and the long delay — five years — in introducing the new monitoring system.

Mr Straw seized on the point about the nature of the testing programme as the crux of the matter, pointing out that both Labour and the National Union of Teachers had welcomed the emphasis on using the new tests to help individual pupils remedy their deficiencies

He said of Professor Black's report: "It accepts that at any given age you would have to have different levels of attainment at different levels

"The report is a complete rejection of right-wing Tory thinking on testing and Ken Baker welcomed it.

"Mrs Thatcher wants to set a free market in education and the share price information is going to be the test results. The Black report blew a hole in a market-based school system because it said that the share price index could not operate."

Government sources made surprisingly little attempt to play down the alleged rift, saying that, in her letter, the Prime Minister was seeking to obtain a "simpler system of testing in schools" and one that was "more straightforward and less costly".

Mr Baker, appearing before the all-party Commons select committee on education, said there was no difference between him and the Prime Minister over testing.

He had broadly welcomed the report, but there were further aspects to be looked at and this was being done by Professor Black who would be reporting back by Easter.

Pharaoh's hoard



Lord Carnarvon is taking legal advice over the move by the Egyptian authorities to reclaim 300 treasures discovered at his home last weekend.

The grandson of the financial backer of the 1922 Tutankhamun expedition said yesterday he would resist pressure for the return of the artefacts, which he intends to display at Highclere Castle when it opens to the public for the first time this summer.

The Egyptian move came in a telegram from Mr Farouk Hosni, Minister of Culture, who urged his London embassy to press for the return of

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IRA designed super-deadly bomb for Gibraltar



The array of Semtex high-power military explosive, 200 Kalashnikov rounds, detonators, timers and wires from the IRA car bomb

200 live rounds taped to mass of explosives

The full horrific details of the bomb that the IRA had planned to go off at the changing of the guard ceremony in Gibraltar on Tuesday morning was revealed yesterday. Security sources described the device as one of the most devastating ever produced by the IRA.

The bomb, found in the hired white Ford Fiesta at an underground car park in the resort of Marbella, on the Costa del Sol in southern Spain, consisted of 141lb of Czechoslovakian-made Semtex military explosives.

There were also 200 Soviet AK-47 Kalashnikov rounds strapped to the plastic material for deadly fragmentation effects, two six-volt batteries, five detonators and two timing devices. There was no remote control device. The Spanish police said that the total weight of the bomb, including the rounds, was 220lb. Security sources said that the bomb had all the hallmarks of the Provisional IRA. It was possible that its design could even pinpoint the person who built it.

The built-in shrapnel device, using the Kalashnikov rounds, was seen by the security authorities as the

The fourth IRA terrorist who set up the planned Gibraltar bomb massacre was named last night as a woman calling herself Mary Parkin. Four times last month, on every Tuesday, she travelled from the gang's Malaga base to reconnoitre the site chosen for the bombing.

clearest evidence that the IRA had planned to kill hundreds of people. Bomb-disposal sources said that the impact of such powerful explosives in the confined area where the car bomb would have been placed, near the changing of the guard ceremony in Gibraltar, would have been so devastating that all the buildings nearby would have been "structurally damaged".

The Semtex military explosives, part of the five shipments of weapons that got through to the IRA from Libya before the seizure of the trawler Eksund, containing a cargo of arms, in November last year, are at least "10 times more powerful" than normal commercial material.

The bomb in the white Fiesta would have been driven from the Marbella garage to Gibraltar to take up the parking space reserved by the gang's Renault, in the narrow street 100 yards from the Governor's residence.

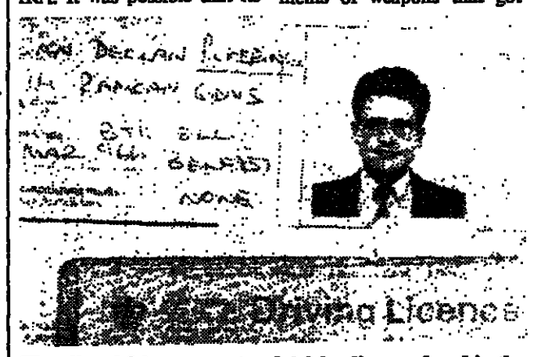
The device was set for 11.20am on Tuesday, when the band and guard of the 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment performed the colourful weekly ceremony, watched by crowds of local people and tourists. The car-swap routine, ensuring a space for the hidden bomb, has been used frequently by the IRA.

Although details of the timing devices were not revealed by the Spanish police, it was believed that the IRA had used another of its favourite techniques — adapting the timing mechanism of a video recorder to control when detonation would occur.

If the IRA had succeeded in parking the white Fiesta in Gibraltar, a terrorist would have had to switch on the device to activate the timer.

Security sources said that Kalashnikov rounds had not been used before as shrapnel by the IRA. On many occasions, its terrorists surrounded explosives with bolts or nails. In Northern Ireland, the shrapnel weapon is known as "shipyard confetti".

The sources said it was unlikely that the rounds would have gone off but the effect would have been just as lethal.



The alleged false passport and driving licence, found in the car abandoned by the gang, of Declan Pickering, who died.

Surprise move halts council cash schemes

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Government last night rushed through regulations to stop high spending councils from beating Government controls and raising cash by leasing their assets to banks, stacking up debts for future generations of ratepayers or poll tax payers.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a surprise Commons statement that such deals would be illegal from midnight last night, though he conceded that Brent Council in north London had beaten his ban.

The Government decided to move fast because it feared a trend was developing towards sale and leaseback deals with Japanese and other banks, similar to the one which has raised £40 million by the sale of the town hall and 20 schools in Brent.

Liverpool was on the brink of completing such a deal and Coventry, Ealing and Wirral councils were believed to be negotiating similar arrangements.

Mr Ridley said that the Government was determined to deal with massive capital borrowing "in order to finance expenditure which will later have to be paid for by councils who have not yet been elected and ratepayers who may not be ratepayers yet".

It was an "unacceptable" mortgaging of the future. Several hundred million pounds was involved.

When challenged by Dr Jack Cunningham, Labour's Environment spokesman, to provide time for discussion before making his changes, Mr Ridley said that could not be done. Last time the Government had allowed time for consultation, deals worth some £2 billion had been rushed through in the interim.

Temporary regulations to outlaw such schemes would take effect from midnight and would be confirmed in the Local Government Finance Bill.

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Mr Ridley also told MPs that two recent court decisions on rates would be reversed, also from midnight, by further changes proposed to the Bill.

The House of Lords recently ruled that those living adjacent to rate-free Enterprise Zones should be able to seek reductions in their rates.

The Government is to insist that properties can be rated only on the physical "state of the locality", as before.

Second, the Goverment has acted to reverse another court decision which meant that many water authorities were paying lower rates than intended on their sewage plant and office buildings.

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America's Super Tuesday

Delegate triumph for Bush

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Super Tuesday was a resounding triumph for Vice-President George Bush, assuring him of the Republican nomination in August. But it has left the Democratic race more muddled than before, with no candidate emerging a clear winner.

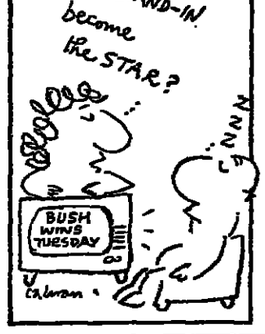
Celebrating an almost clean sweep of the 17 Republican contests, Mr Bush yesterday jubilantly predicting that he will win his party's nomination and the presidency. With some 700 of the 1,139 delegates needed for nomination, even his rivals were privately conceding that he is now unstoppable.

He beat Senator Robert Dole in every state except Washington, where the only Republican caucus gave victory to Mr Pat Robertson and second place to Mr Dole. Elsewhere, the Vice-President led by margins so large that he captured all the delegates in the state. Overall, he gained 500 delegates compared with only 99 for Mr Dole and a derisory 10 for Mr Robertson.

On the Democratic side, victory in the 20-state election was split three ways. The Rev Jesse Jackson, surpassing even his own supporters' hopes, led the popular vote with 27 per cent, closely followed by Governor Michael Dukakis and Senator Albert Gore, each with 26 per cent.

As expected, Mr Dukakis won the big delegate-rich prizes of Texas, Florida and his home state of Massachusetts. With a total gain of 360 delegates, he had a slight lead in the only tally that counts toward nomination, but was closely followed by Mr Jackson, with 350 delegates, and Mr Gore with 320. Overall, Mr Dukakis still remains the national front-runner.

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Congressman Richard Gephardt, who won the Iowa caucuses a month ago, suf-

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Russian air hijack ends in gun battle

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A Soviet air hostess, three passengers and a number of hijackers were killed on Tuesday when Soviet security forces staged an assault to prevent a group of armed men who hijacked an Aeroflot airliner on an internal flight from leaving the Soviet union.

A Tass account of the abortive hijacking gave no hint of the nationality of the group which tried to seize the plane, but the wording suggested that many people were involved.

"Measures were taken to render the criminals harmless, most of the criminals were killed, the others were captured and will face trial".

The TU-154 airliner, which can carry 130 passengers, was heading from the Siberian city of Irkutsk towards Leningrad with a scheduled stop-over in Kurgan, east of the Urals, when the incident took place.

In addition to the deaths, the report said there were other casualities but gave no figures. "The passengers were given necessary assistance on the spot", the agency added.

Although the relatively quick reporting of the incident was a reflection of glasnost, the policy's limits were also shown by the refusal to give any information about the hijackers' motives. Tass merely described the attempt as "an act of terrorism" and said that criminal proceedings had been instituted against the gunmen.

In the last reported hijacking here 18 months ago, two armed men — described by Soviet sources as drug addicts — seized a plane in the city of Ufa after shooting dead two policemen and killing two passengers before they, in turn, were shot by the security forces.

Queen Mother's 'distress' at closure of ward

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

The Queen Mother entered the fray about the National Health Service yesterday, expressing her "distress" that a hospital ward which she opened less than a year ago has closed.

As 500 nurses from the Royal College of Nursing lobbied the Commons over NHS funding, it was disclosed that the Queen Mother's office had sent a letter to Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, inquiring why a special unit for elderly patients at Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan, had been shut.

The letter, from the Queen Mother's Comptroller at Clarence House, London, which has been forwarded to Mr Ian Grist, Under Secretary of State at the Welsh Office, asks for information about a five-bed high-dependency ward at St Tydfil's Hospital which was opened last April.

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Mr Robin Cook, Labour's social services spokesman, said: "This is a dramatic intervention by the Queen Mother which demonstrates the state of the NHS. This government has spent the past six months refusing to listen to the people of Britain over the NHS. I hope they will at last listen to the Queen Mother."

However, it emerged that the Queen Mother has made a number of inquiries about health service closures in the past year.

"If we get a report about something closing, a hospital or anything else, we find out about it", a spokesman for Clarence House said yesterday.

The spokesman made clear that the Queen Mother was not trying to make a political statement about the NHS. He said: "The inquiry about St Tydfil's is nothing out of the ordinary. Certainly the Queen Mother was concerned that it was going to close, but she has made several similar inquiries."

The initiative was in response to a letter from Mr Bryn Williams, secretary of Merthyr and Cynon Valley Community Health Council.

Mr Williams said he had also received a letter from Clarence House saying that the Queen Mother had heard of the closure "with much distress."

The letter from the Comptroller at Clarence House said: "Although I am sure you would appreciate that the Queen Mother has no jurisdiction whatsoever over the affairs of the

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Move fails to end Land-Rover row

Trade union leaders representing the 6,000 workers on strike at Land-Rover in Solihull, west Midlands, yesterday moved ground in an attempt to end the three-week-old stoppage but management rejected the compromise.

Mr John Allen, divisional organizer for the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said negotiators were prepared not to press for more money if the company agreed to consolidate at least part of the workers' £7 a week attendance pay into wage packets.

But the company said it would lose £2 million if it consolidated the attendance pay. "Absenteeism and lateness for work would cost us an extra £50 for every car."

The company repeated its warning that the final offer of 14 per cent over two years was final and threatened to reduce the offer if the strike continued.

A back-to-work rally yesterday in a park near the plant broke up after fewer than 300 workers attended. Last night both sides were privately admitting that the strike could be a long one.

Pit rise imposed

British Coal is imposing the pay deal negotiated with the Union of Democratic Mineworkers last year on the National Union of Mineworkers. The rise, 4.28 per cent, will not be backdated.

Management had refused to increase the pay of NUM members while their overtime ban continued. UDM members received the rise on November 1.

Mansfield colliery in Nottinghamshire will close in three weeks with the loss of 950 jobs, the board announced yesterday.

BR writs on strike

British Rail said last night that it had served writs on six members of the executive committee of the Aslef King's Cross branch ordering them to call off an unofficial 24-hour stoppage at the commuter terminus from midnight on Sunday in support of the National Health Service.

Leaders of the train drivers' union are urging their members at King's Cross not to join the stoppage, which was agreed at a branch meeting on Monday without a ballot of members.

Fears of oven safety

Dangerous foreign cookers are being imported into Britain because revised safety regulations have been delayed while the Government awaits a European agreement, the Gas Consumers' Council said yesterday in its annual report.

There have been more than 700 accidents in the past year involving cooker oven doors which become too hot, the council said. It fears more people, particularly children, will be hurt while the Government awaits proposals from the European Standards Committee. Tighter safety standards for second-hand cookers are also delayed.

Since privatization, customer complaints to the council have dropped from 29,000 in 1985-86 to 26,608 in 1986-87.

Defence budget's 'unforeseen costs' disclosed

MPs deplore 'scandalous' £4bn overrun

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

A confidential internal Ministry of Defence report has disclosed that nearly half the £8.2 billion annual budget for procuring new defence equipment is consumed each year in what it terms "unforeseen costs".

The figures were condemned by MPs as "absolutely horrifying" and "scandalous" when they were revealed yesterday at a meeting of the Commons Public Accounts committee, and the report is understood to have been sent to the Prime Minister.

The disclosure came to light when Mr Michael Latham, the senior Conservative on the committee, read from the report on managing important projects, called *Learning from Experience* and produced by two senior MoD officials and the government Efficiency Unit.

It said: "About three to four billion pounds of each year's equipment budget may be associated with costs which were not foreseen when projects started; about one to two billion pounds may be associated with costs not foreseen when projects entered Full Development".

By the time projects enter Full Development they have been in the pipeline and under scrutiny for years rather than months, and the MPs said they found the second set of figures even more alarming than the first.

Mr Latham described the situation as "absolutely horrifying" and said reducing the figures to near zero should be the top priority.

He said: "We have seen umpteen examples of huge overruns of systems that don't work or are cancelled or are years late. I put it to you that this is absolutely scandalous."

Mr Peter Levene, head of defence procurement at the Ministry of Defence, did not dispute the broad figures, but insisted they referred to previous years and that the situation had now improved.

He said that the "villain of the piece" was the old-style cost-plus contracts which the MoD entered into with contractors before he arrived from the private sector in 1985.

These were still working their way through the system. They put little onus on the contractor to produce equipment that worked on time and to cost. The new fixed-price contracts that he was insisting on meant that contractors were responsible for cost overruns and would lose financially if the equipment did not work and was not delivered on time.

Mr Robert Sheldon, the committee chairman, said that the astonishing thing about *Learning from Experience* was that it contained criticisms of MoD procedure that had been raised repeatedly over many years but had never been acted on.

Mr Levene told the committee that since the report had been produced in the middle of 1987 the MoD had produced an action plan designed to tighten up defence procurement procedures drastically.

Yesterday's disclosures come as the Ministry of Defence police, under the direction of the Director of Public Prosecutions, is conducting in-depth investigations into the conduct of contractors involved in a number of huge defence contracts.

At yesterday's meeting Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, used the cloak of parliamentary privilege to allege that Marconi had repeatedly overcharged the Ministry of Defence on the multi-million pound contract for a Battlefield Artillery Target Engagement System.

Caution urged on NHS reforms

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Prime Minister should not be "seduced" by untried and untested proposals to reform the National Health Service, health policy analysts said yesterday.

A report from the independent King's Fund Institute said that the debate about the future of the NHS had been fuelled by numerous proposals for radical reform with a noticeable absence of careful and impartial analysis.

But the institute says that whatever initiatives are pursued as a result of the Prime Minister's review on NHS spending, there is still an "overwhelming case" for more money to be provided. An additional £400 million is needed immediately to compensate for underfunding and the Government should finance all pay awards in 1988-89.

On reforms, the report says: "The considerable achievements and potential of the NHS should not be understated. There are weaknesses but the challenge is to build on its proven strengths."

Though warning against instant solutions, the report, based on a nine-month study, suggests a number of strategies for achieving an improved and more cost-effective NHS.

It says that private health insurance could provide useful top-ups for certain procedures but could not replace public funding. However, it adds that a health stamp, or social insurance, could be a feasible financing alternative to general taxation.

Health Finance: Assessing the Options (126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF; £4.95).

● Ten members of the 1979 Royal Commission on the National Health Service yesterday signed a statement reminding the Government that their comprehensive inquiry had ruled out all alternatives to central funding of the service through taxation.

Commons lobby over funding



Sir David Price, a member of the Commons select committee on social services, talks to Miss Andrea Morrison and Mr Clive Simmons yesterday at a lobby of MPs by 500 members of the Royal College of Nursing (Photograph: Chris Harris).

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Aids education

Teenagers' sex lives studied

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The sex lives of thousands of British teenagers are to be studied by researchers to help Aids education campaigns.

The sexual behaviour of youngsters aged 16-19 will be monitored through interviews and postal questionnaires over four years in a project announced yesterday.

The £300,000 survey is intended to provide insight into how young people conduct their sexual relationships.

They will be asked how often they have sex, how they choose their partners, whether they use condoms and how they negotiate their relationships. They will also be asked about their attitudes towards sex and Aids.

The survey is one of seven Aids-related projects being launched at a cost of £1.6 million by the government-funded Economic and Social Research Council.

Dr Alan Marsh, the council's research director, said yesterday: "It is astonishing how little we know about sexual behaviour in this country. We don't know who is doing what with whom or how and why they do it."

Dr Glynis Breakwell, a Surrey University psychologist who will lead the project, said: "About 5,000 young people will be involved and our preliminary research work suggests that they will be willing to co-operate openly and frankly with us".

They will be contacted in an inner city, a rural area, an affluent small city and a new town, but the locations have not yet been disclosed.

In other projects, young people who are intravenous drug users and bisexuals will be surveyed to learn more about their habits, attitudes and the prospect of them changing their behaviour to reduce the risks of Aids.

Delegates at an Aids conference in London yesterday were told of a survey of London prostitutes which indicated that the women were more likely to be at risk from their own boyfriends than from their clients because they do not ask their regular partners to wear condoms.

The conference was also told that a sinister side effect of the Aids virus appears to be behind outbreaks of tuberculosis in some parts of Africa and the United States.

The ability of the virus to damage the human immunity system and trigger latent tuberculosis into a potentially fatal disease is causing concern among international health experts. Tuberculosis kills about three million people a year worldwide.

Rival biographies

Maxwell threat countered

By David Sapsted

The threat by Mr Robert Maxwell, to take legal action against thousands of booksellers in Britain, if they continue to sell two unauthorized versions of his biography, was countered yesterday by an offer of unlimited indemnity from the publishers of the books.

Mr Maxwell, chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers, yesterday reiterated the threat contained in a letter on Tuesday sent to hundreds of booksellers that he would sue them unless they gave a written undertaking not to sell copies of the books he tried to have banned on the grounds that they contained "gross libels".

The tactics, however, appeared to have rebounded yesterday, with book stores reporting a sudden surge in demand for the two volumes, *Maxwell – The Outsider* and *Maxwell – A Portrait of Power*, published by Aurum Books and Bantam respectively.

Mr John Hyams, president of the Booksellers' Association, said: "It is the *Spycatcher* syndrome all over again. People who would not have had a jot of interest in the books on Tuesday all of a sudden want to read them because someone else is trying to stop them from doing so."

Mr Hyams, whose association represents more than 3,000 book outlets nationwide, welcomed the decision by both Aurum and Bantam to offer indemnity, which will extend to any fines or legal costs incurred by booksellers should Mr Maxwell mount a successful legal action against any of them.

"We are able to offer this indemnity because we have taken legal advice and we are confident that any libel action against the book will fail", a spokesman for Bantam said last night.

The undertaking demanded by Mr Maxwell angered many booksellers. Mr Nigel Graig, proprietor of the Colchester Bookshop, responded with a letter to Mr Maxwell's solicitors yesterday informing them: "I refuse to sign this. I will continue to sell all books that I am legally entitled to."

However, Mr Richard Joseph, managing director of the London group Books Etc, decided not only to stop selling the two controversial books, but also the official biography written by Mr Joe Haines, who works for Mr Maxwell and was press secretary to Mr Harold Wilson, the former prime minister. Mr Joseph said: "I am just fed up with the whole thing".

The Birmingham-based Dillons Bookshop group said it would be "reluctantly" removing all three versions of the Maxwell life story from its stores this morning, but would be putting them back on sale "immediately satisfactory assurances on indemnity are received".

On Monday, Mr Maxwell abandoned his attempt in the High Court to have an injunction imposed on *Maxwell – The Outsider*, written by Mr Tom Bower. That followed the lifting of an injunction last week on *Maxwell – A Portrait of Power* by Mr Peter Thompson and Mr Anthony Delano.

Mr Maxwell said that the failure of the injunctions would allow for a speedy hearing of libel actions against the books' authors but last night Mr David Hooper, the solicitor acting for Aurum Books, said: "It was felt the indemnity had to be offered in the face of Mr Maxwell's threats of action against booksellers.

"The injunctions have failed and Aurum Press's position has always been that the book contains no libel against Mr Maxwell."

The country's biggest bookseller, W H Smith, was still not prepared, however, to allow either of the books on its shelves.

"The offers of indemnity will be taken into consideration, although we have not accepted these offers in the past. The position at the moment is as it was before the Maxwell letter: we are taking legal advice on whether the two books should be offered for sale", a spokesman said.

W H Smith, in fact, has never had either of the books which Mr Maxwell dislikes on sale. Last week, it started selling the "official" version by Mr Haines, but the demand so far has been only modest.

The company denied that its stance had any connection with the fact that its contract as distributor of Mirror News Group newspapers is due to come to an end in May. It is believed that W H Smith and Mr Maxwell are in discussion about the possibility of establishing an alternative, road-based network for distributing newspapers nationally.

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Action on crime

People must work together for safer society, says Hurd

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

An advertising campaign costing £11.5 million to encourage individuals and families to fight crime was launched yesterday by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

A television commercial shows children saying that they want to grow up in a neighbourhood where people do not get mugged, youngsters do not sniff glue, no one breaks into homes to steal things, and where sisters come home safely without being worried by horrible men.

The message, emphasized repeatedly in the campaign, is: "Crime – together we'll crack it".

Remedies offered are simple, direct and practical – especially if people work together, the campaign says. In one advertisement a series of pictures illustrates the theme of co-operation. The captions run: "This is the alley, that scared the child, who told the teacher, who spoke to the police, who contacted the owners, who asked the builder to make it safe".

Mr Hurd said: "We can outwit and defeat the burglar and the mugger. We can all use our imagination and energy to achieve safer homes, streets and cities."

Mr Hurd invited the public to telephone 01-200-1000 to obtain copies of a free illustrated handbook accompanying the campaign.

The handbook advises how to prevent the most common crimes, burglary and car theft; how to form neighbourhood watch schemes; how to set up other schemes that might involve local business; and how to reduce crime in the workplace.

A front door with various security devices is shown. It has a peephole, a chain, an automatic deadlock, a mortice deadlock, and hinges with bolts for extra protection against the use of force.

Mr Hurd said that drawing attention to the horrors of crime, particularly violent crime, could increase fear of it, even among people in relatively safe areas.

The second part of the Government's message, however, was: "You can do something about it. You don't have to be afraid of crime, feeling it is inevitable and that you or your neighbours are powerless, because you are not."

Mr Roger Birch, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said people were fed up with cities, towns and villages being spoiled by wanton damage, graffiti and litter and with mindless violence and attacks on property, which gave a general feeling of insecurity.

If through the campaign more people could be persuaded to take simple steps to protect their property and themselves, then police time spent on the investigation of crimes that should have been prevented could be devoted to patrolling the streets and giving the sort of reassurance for which the public was constantly crying out.

Even simple precautions are often neglected. Mr John Patten, Home Office Minister of State, said about 20 per cent of drivers left their car door unlocked. A quarter of all house burglars simply walked in through unlocked doors or climbed through unbolted windows.

Previous campaigns have helped to increase public awareness of crime prevention and increase the number of homes fitted with window locks. They have also encouraged the growth of neighbourhood watch schemes to the present level of about 45,000 schemes.

Fox returns to BBC in top job

By Andrew Billen

BBC Television yesterday announced that Mr Paul Fox, one of Independent Television's most experienced station chiefs, is to be its new managing director.

Mr Fox, is managing director of Yorkshire Television and chairman of Independent Television News. His appointment, which includes the chairmanship of BBC Enterprises, means a return to the corporation after 15 years: from 1967 to 1973 Mr Fox was controller of BBC1. His first job in television was as a script writer at the BBC in 1950.

Mr Michael Checkland, BBC director-general, said Mr Fox's new role was "the biggest job in television".

Mr Fox, aged 62, has been given a three-year contract, starting April 25. Last year he ruled himself out as a candidate for the vacant post of director-general because he was past the normal BBC retirement age. An exception was made for the new contract.

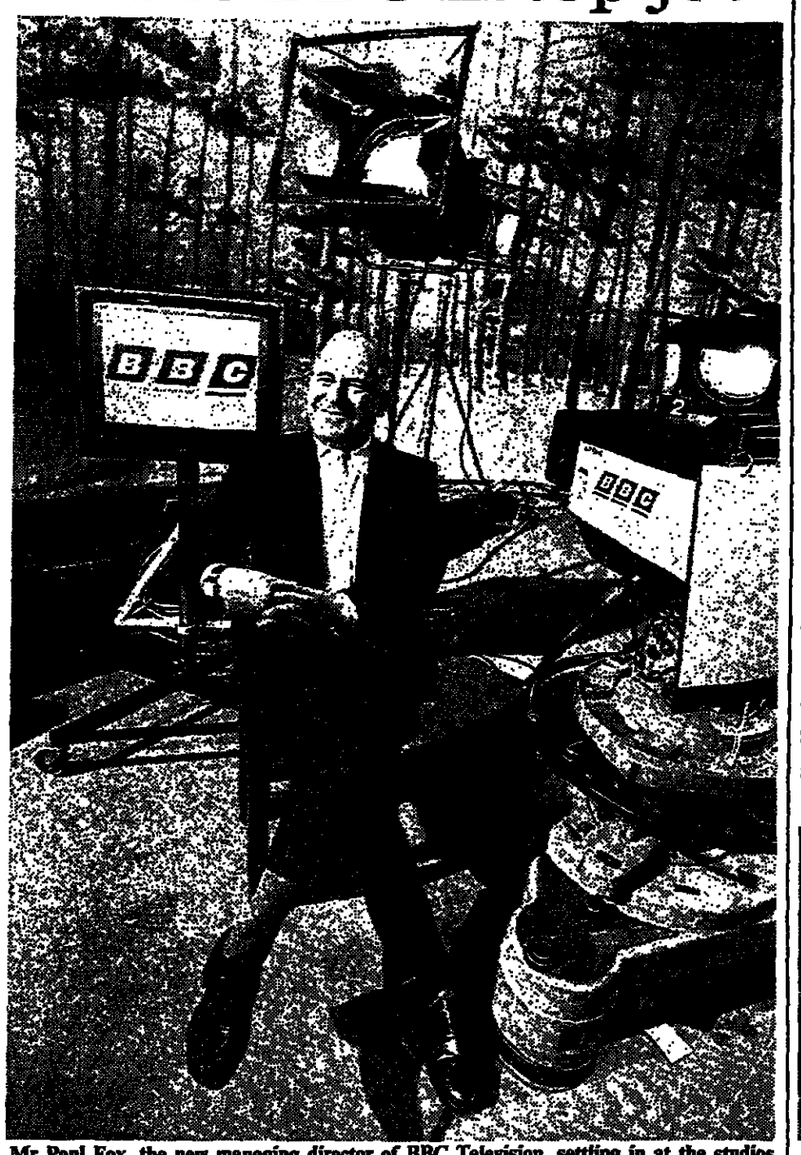
Yesterday Mr Fox said the BBC had recaptured its confidence in the past year and that the new licence fee agreement had assured its future.

He criticized last week's *World In Action* programme which argued that the BBC had been cowed by the Government. "I thought it was reprehensible. It was not clever and it was below the high standards of *World In Action* and Granada – it was a hatchet job", Mr Fox said.

Referring to possible political pressure in his new job, Mr Fox said: "I was at the BBC when Harold Wilson was Prime Minister. It wasn't exactly fun and games then. I may be sensitive in some things but I have a fairly thick skin when it comes to politics."

Mr Fox said he had no intention of selling his shareholding in Yorkshire Television. It was too small to influence the station's policy.

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Mr Paul Fox, the new managing director of BBC Television, settling in at the studios yesterday after his three-year appointment was announced (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Portfolio —PLUS NEW— Accumulator

Five share the £4,000 daily prize

A Conservative councillor and a building firm foreman are among the five winners sharing the daily Portfolio competition prize of £4,000. Each receives £800.

Mr Leslie Shaw, aged 66, a retired Civil Servant, of Old Kennels Lane, Olivers Battery, Winchester, Hampshire, was elected a city councillor for St Michael's ward last year.

He said: "I have been playing the competition since it started and I think we will spend the prize on a new fireplace or on refurbishing the house".

Mr James Allen, aged 30, a foreman, of Victoria Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, is also planning to spend on home improvements. He said: "We are a having an extension built now so this windfall will prove very useful".

Other winners are: Mrs Joan Davenport, of Lion House Park, Hailsham, East Sussex; Mr P McArthur, of Buckham Hill, Isfield, East Sussex, and Mr J Herbert, of Lansdowne Gardens, Worle, Weston-super-Mare.



Mr Shaw: hoping for a new fireplace.

Two million drink and drive

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The drink driver most likely to have an accident is a single male aged between 20 and 24 who is semi-skilled or unemployed and drinks beer at a public house within three miles of home, according to a survey published yesterday.

The survey, the first of accidents involving drink drivers,revealed that more than 10 per cent of motorists who drove after drinking more than the legal limit had no driving licence or had been disqualified. A similar number held a provisional licence.

The survey was carried out into accidents in Nottinghamshire over the past 12 months, as part of a £350,000 research study into drink driving, which claims 1,500 lives a year.

Announcing the findings yesterday, Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, said existing research was 20 years old and a government study was 10 years overdue. He said it was essential to know just how much drinking and driving was going on.

Campaigns to discourage drink driving over the past two years had been successful. "Eight years ago there were eight million drink drivers and that has been reduced to two million, but one in five males are still prepared to drink above the legal alcohol limit and then drive", he said.

He confirmed that, as part of the research, Department of Transport officials are to make 2,000 roadside checks on motorists in Warwickshire and Sussex between the hours of 10pm and 3am during April, May and June. Drivers will be stopped at random and asked to take part in the survey.

Officials will question them about drinking habits and attitudes to drinking and driving. They will be asked to take a voluntary breath test.

Mr Bottomley denied that there would be a police amnesty for those who were found to be over the limit.

Such motorists would be asked to remain at the checkpoint until their alcohol level had fallen below the legal limit or they would be offered a lift home, with their car transported free of charge by one of the motoring organizations. No record would be made of names or addresses, but drivers who were over the limit and chose to drive on would be warned that the police would be informed immediately.

The research, which will be published, would not be a forerunner to legislation for random breath testing or a lower legal alcohol limit.

GP suspended for affair with patient

By Howard Foster

A doctor who had a two-month affair with a woman patient while her husband was confiding in him that he was worried about her fidelity was suspended from practising for 12 months yesterday.

The decision to stop Dr John Skinner, of Swaffham in Norfolk, from continuing as a general practitioner was greeted with dismay by a group of some 25 local women who had attended the professional conduct committee hearing at the General Medical Council's headquarters in London.

The women, and a few male patients of the doctor, had raised a 4,000-name petition to try to keep him in his practice after his former patient and practice manager, referred to throughout the hearing as Mrs B, alleged that they had had an affair in 1986.

Dr Skinner admitted the affair but argued that he was not guilty of abusing his position or of serious professional misconduct.

He admitted to the committee yesterday that he had betrayed the trust of Mr B, with whom he shared a close friendship.

Miss Nicola Davies, for Dr Skinner, said: "The doctor does not hide for a moment that he betrayed the trust of Mr B. It's a matter of considerable regret to him."

Mr B, an accident repair mechanic, told Sir Herbert Duthie, the committee chairman: "I would not spit on him if he was on fire".

Mr B said that when he saw his wife and Dr Skinner at the doctor's house: "It was as if someone had scythed my legs off. I was shocked beyond belief. I was obviously yesterday's man. Dr Skinner said: 'Hi, come in, we've been waiting for you'. I stayed only a few seconds. It was total betrayal."

The affair between Dr Skinner and Mrs B had begun after Mr and Mrs B had held a joint fortieth birthday party. Mrs B thought that the Skinners had left without saying goodbye and in the course of setting matters straight the couple began cuddling one another at the surgery in Swaffham.

Their relationship developed as they drove around the secluded woods of the Queen's Sandringham Estate and eventually developed as they had sexual intercourse in country places and at the surgery.

Grandmother tells court of boy's wounds

The grandmother of a boy aged two who was allegedly locked in a tumble drier by his mother said yesterday that she contacted social services.

The woman told Nottingham Crown Court that the injuries included a swollen lip, bruises on his back and buttocks, swelling behind an ear and sore genitals.

Mr Peter Joyce, for the prosecution, has alleged that the child's mother laughed after locking him in the drier.

The mother, aged 25, of Newark, denies five charges of assault and cruelty. The trial continues today.

£100,000 loser 'not addicted'

A Jordanian racehorse owner who was allegedly swindled by a trainer said yesterday that he had lost £100,000 in one night at a London casino but denied he was addicted to gambling.

Mr Tawfiq Shakir Fakhouri, who instructed the trainer, Mr Roger Fisher, to buy an unbroken three-year-old gelding in 1979, agreed through an interpreter at Preston Crown Court that he was a man of considerable wealth.

He owned two homes in Jordan, another in Israel, and in 1973 had paid £73,000 for a flat in London. His businesses included a factory in Genoa with 500 employees.

Mr Fisher, aged 45, denies three charges of obtaining property by deception, two of theft, one of forgery and one of attempting to obtain property by deception, involving a total of £49,200, while the racehorse, Ekbalco, was stabled at Great Head House, Bardsea, near Ulverston, Cumbria.

It is alleged that, capitalizing on Mr Fakhouri's absence abroad, his preoccupation with business and his poor English, Mr Fisher, managing director of a paint manufacturing company, charged double the agreed amount for training and stabling, and exaggerated veterinary, farrier and travel expenses.

The trial continues today.

Labour force growth

More women will have jobs

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The desperate shortage of qualified accountants in nearly all sections of business and commerce will worsen unless attitudes towards women entering the profession is changed (John Spicer writes).

Mr Iain Gamage, managing director of Reed Accountancy, the specialist recruitment company, yesterday said that many schools and colleges do not promote accountancy as a suitable career for women.

Mr Gamage, who said the shortage of qualified accountants was reaching alarming proportions, was commenting on a survey his company had commissioned into the role of women in the profession.

He said it was discovered that women went into accountancy more for the intellectual challenge than for the financial rewards, indicating perhaps that it was the female practitioners who appreciated the wider role accountants could play in today's commercial world.

He said the day was not far off when there would be 10 jobs available for every qualified accountant. Even so, one third of women accountants said they had difficulty in obtaining jobs.

He said one in five of the 103 qualified women accountants they questioned started off in unqualified clerical and bookkeeping jobs.

A greater proportion of women will have jobs in the next seven years, according to government figures.

The Department of Employment has increased its projected figures for the growth in the labour force between now and 1995, mainly because it believes more women will be at work.

The projections, presented in the March *Employment Gazette* published last night, suggest there will be a rise of 912,000 in the labour force by 1995, with 761,000 of this increase among women.

The sharp growth in the female labour force – which by the mid 1990s will have increased by more tha 15 per cent compared with the early 1980s – contrasts with a static picture for men.

The number of women in the labour force is projected to grow to 12.26 million by 1995, compared with 11.49 million last year and 10.6 million in 1981. The male labour force is estimated at 15.82 million in 1995, against 15.67 million last year and 15.64 million in 1981.

The result of this will be a shift in the composition of the labour force from the early 1980s, when the number of females available for work was equivalent to two-thirds of the number of males, to the 1990s, when numbers of women workers are expected to have risen to four-fifths of male worker numbers.

The department has increased its estimated figures because it expects more women to work and also because recent falls in unemployment have brought forward a larger number of people wanting to work.

Between mid-1986 and mid-1987, the labour force is estimated to have grown by 426,000, more than double the department's original estimate of 194,000.

A bigger projected growth in the labour force suggests that more jobs will be needed to ensure a continuing fall in unemployment. However, there will be a self-correcting mechanism: if unemployment stops falling, many women will be discouraged from seeking work.

● The TUC General Secretary, Mr Norman Willis, last night promised to help to lift women from "the bottom of the list".

Mr Willis told the opening session of the TUC Women's Conference at Blackpool that the TUC's Equal Rights Department, to fight for women's rights and disadvantaged groups, would be "up and running" by the next Congress meeting in September.

Computer angles that fail to add up

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Competitors in the Tournament of the Mind would, if asked, probably say it was impossible to draw triangles in which the sum of the angles always add up to less than 180 degrees.

Professor David Epstein, of Warwick University, has spent much of his life devising ways to do just that.

His methods have earned him a place as the sole British member of a venture called the Geometry Super-computer Project, in which 13 of the best brains from the worlds of mathematics and computers are to collaborate in developing a new science that may overtake traditional Euclidian geometry.

This new science is a creature of the computer age. Only the power of the modern computer can create and help scientists to explore the most extraordinary and wonderful shapes which are the products of the new geometry.

In the real world these shapes have their natural counterparts in billowing clouds and rugged mountain landscapes, which cannot be described satisfactorily in mathematical terms by the standard formulae of traditional geometry.

Professor Epstein believes the studies into shapes that cannot be drawn by hand, but which can be created by computers, could ultimately have an impact on the way structures are designed in the aerospace and car industries.

The formulae which allow Professor Epstein's strange triangles to be created by the computer belong to shapes described by hyperbolic geometry.

An illustration he uses involves the curvature of the leaf of the holly tree. The sum of the angles of a triangle traced on the leaf's curved surface are less than 180 degrees, because the lines joining the three points would be in a hyperbolic plane.

In contrast, the angles of a spherical triangle, as traced on a globe by taking the equator and two lines of longtitude, add up to more than 180 degrees. With the computer, Professor Epstein generates fascinating mosaics of his triangles.

The research is supported by the Science and Engineering Research Council.

However, as a member of the Geometry Super-computer Project, Professor Epstein will have a new work station for generating colour graphics that is linked to a bank of super-computers at the project headquarters at the University of Minnesota, in the United States. More than £1 million will be spent over three years by the American National Science Foundation on the use of the machines by the 13 scientists.

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Law change will stop council leaseback deals

The Government is proposing an immediate change in the law to stop local authorities raising money by the sale and leaseback of buildings, and by other means, in attempts to get round Government-imposed limits on capital spending.

The changes are to be contained in amendments to the Local Government Finance Bill, now before the Commons. Mr **Nicholas Ridley**, Secretary of *State for the Environment, said* in a statement.

He also announced changes stemming from recent court decisions on rating valuations.

Rateable values would continue to be determined according to the law as it was understood to be before a House of Lords judgement in the *Addis v Clement* case where a company had its rateable value reduced because it was near an enterprise zone, and in the *Severn Trent Water Authority v Cakebread* Court of Appeal case, relating to water rates.

Mr Ridley said that once again a minority of local authorities were employing artificial devices to incur capital expenditure and to undertake borrowing over and above permitted levels.

The sums involved were large. Individual deals could give rise to future expenditure of several hundred million pounds.

If all options granted under agreements recently entered into were taken up, several billion pounds of capital expenditure might be incurred. No Government could ignore evasion of its expenditure controls on that scale.

Two types of devices were being used.

First, local authorities were acquiring capital assests on terms outside existing capital controls, for instance by taking medium-term leases or by barters.

Second, there were schemes under which local authorities were raising money by lease-and-leaseback or sale and leasebacks of operational assets. This was borrowing in fact, although it might not be borrowing in law. In effect, money was being borrowed by disposal of capital assets in order to finance deficits on revenue account.

Amendments had been made to the Prescribed Expenditure Regulations which would take effect from midnight. Interested parties would be consulted later so that, as in the past, interim deals were not rushed through.

The main changes made by the regulations were that, with some exceptions, acquisition of a leasehold interest in land with a term of more than three years would score as prescribed expenditure. The present limit was 20 years.

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Regardless of term, prescribed expenditure would be scored on acquisition of a lease of property in which the authority held a superior interest or which, during the previous five years, had been the subject of a development agreement to which the authority had been a party.

Ministers would, however, consider issuing additional capital allocations where they were satisfied that agreements were not entered into for the purpose of evading capital expenditure or borrowing controls.

The law would be changed to clarify that, when a local authority acquired land on terms other than freehold for cash, the amount of prescribed expenditure scored was the value of the interest acquired on the assumption that it was acquired freehold and for cash. That had been the intention of the 1980 Act.

Another change was that where a local authority acquired property or where works were



Mr Ridley: Amendments stem from court decisions

carried on council property and valuable consideration was given, but not in money, prescribed expenditure would be scored.

The Government intended to widen the statutory definition of prescribed expenditure to include the acquisition of share or loan capital in a body corporate, and expenditure incurred in the discharge of obligations under a guarantee or indemnity relating to borrowing by a person other than the local authority.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, asked Mr Ridley to confirm that the local authority actions to which he had referred were lawful.

Was it not strange that he had uncomplimentary things to say about them, but nothing to say about the banks in the City falling over themselves to facilitate these deals?

His proposals would affect large and small local authorities, including those in Tory control, and the capital programmes of many of them, including house-building programmes, redevelopment programmes and capital expenditure, perhaps on items such as leisure centres.

There were implications for budgets which had been fixed and rates that might already have been announced for the coming financial year.

Mr Ridley said that the transactions they had already read about, including Brent Town Hall, did appear to be legal at present, although similar deals would not be legal from *midnight tonight*. "That is all that we are seeking to do."

He joined Dr Cunningham in condemning those who had felt it to be a good investment to make these major loans to local authorities "because I believe *they must realize they are at* risk, partly because the Government does not stand behind local authorities and partly because some of the deals are based on options which it might be rather more difficult to exercise in future."

The regulations and the new legislation would apply to all councils, but those that had been abusing the system were few in number. He thought all of these were under Labour control.

Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton, C) said that Ealing ratepayers would welcome the announcement. A £100 million deferred purchase loan had been taken up by the Labour council. Repayments would be £20 million a year, but not until after the lifetime of the present council.

Mr Ridley said that the deal in Ealing had been done and was, therefore, legal and stood. But the deal contained options that were not of a legal nature until the options were exercised, and it might be more difficult for the council to exercise them after his statement.

Mr Ken Livingstone (Brent East, Lab) said that Mr Ridley had just rendered illegal the budget of Brent council, and the rate which it had agreed on legal advice was lawful.

That budget included cuts of 19 per cent in services, cuts that would mean teachers' jobs going and social service provision slashed – cuts that were always at the margin of the intolerable.

The cuts had only been kept below 20 per cent by a leaseback arranged by Guinness Mahon. If this budget was now ruled illegal, the cuts would increase to 38 per cent.

In all the upheavals and riots of London, Brent had managed to avoid them by the efforts of both Labour and Conservative councils.

Mr Ridley: I said that the deal which Brent had carried out was legal. I regret that it is legal, but I have to admit that it is. It will not be legal for others to do the same in future.

A menu to bring in the business

Businessmen invited to breakfast presentations as part of the Government's Action for Cities programme should be offered a menu of thin gruel, hard cheese and poached bullshit, Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said.

Ordered by **The Speaker** (Mr Bernard Weatherill) to rephrase his unparliamentary language, Mr Banks asked what the menu would be, how many breakfasts would be taking place, which ministers would attend and what would be the cost to the taxpayer.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Trade and Industry (right, shown with Mr Banks), said that breakfast was his least favourite meal of the day and one that he usually avoided.

"But it is the one time when all the leading citizens of the cities tend to have their diaries clear until they get our invitations. You get a much better attendance if you turn up at breakfast time."

The menu was immaterial and undistinguished.



Public ownership

Still too much derelict land

There was still far too much derelict land in inner cities areas that turned out to be owned by a public body, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Trade and Industry, said during questions.

For that reason the Government had started the register of derelict land and steps were being taken to make sure that more public use was being made of its information.

He was replying to **Mr David Heathcoat-Amory** (Wells, C), who said that, to get the wheels of commerce turning, he should ensure that firms had access to information about the extent of the ownership of such land.

Mr Hugo Summerson (Walthamstow, C) said that certain local authorities were obstructing the private sector through

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the use of planning powers. Would he take powers to ensure that their obstructionism did not succeed?

Mr Clarke said that the best contribution a local authority could make was to be "business friendly" and seek to attract private sector investment. He deplored any obstruction through planning processes.

Mr Richard Caborn (Sheffield Central, Lab) said that after the "hype" of the launch of the inner-city initiative and Mr Clarke's asking local authorities to be "business friendly", the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in Sheffield had not been invited to the launch of the UDC there.

Mr Clarke replied that whatever the opposite of "hype" was, the Labour Party had been guilty of it on just about every idea. They whinged and took the view that it was a waste of time.

Later, **Miss Marjorie Mowlam** (Redcar, Lab) asked: How does the minister expect local authorities to be business friendly in the inner cities and to help to finance debt services when, after the introduction of poll tax, it will be central government which will control 75 per cent of local government funding? It is time he became local government friendly.

Mr Clarke: Central government and private business have always, between them, paid for most of local authority expenditure.

Mr Tony Blair, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry: The Prime Minister told us that there was not a single new policy for the inner cities.

Mr Clarke has been unable to tell us where the new resources are to come from to replace rate-support grant.

Mr Clarke: He is not the first to pick up a phrase from the Prime Minister and use it incorrectly.

There were 12 announcements on Monday, and although all the money is from existing provision, £250 million is being directed to new developments to which it was not directed before. This is a wholly false analogy.

Approval for Ulster Order

The Draft General Assistance Grants (Abolition) (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 was approved in a late night debate in the Commons on Tuesday.

Moving approval of the order, Mr Peter Viggars, Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said that its effect would be to phase out selective capital grants in favour of selective assistance.

There would be no diminution of Government commitment to industrial development in Northern Ireland. The Government's intention was to strengthen the economy there and the proposal would assist that.

It would also promote further investment in the province and assist the efforts of companies already operating there.

Energy predictions worry the peers

*Events over the past few years had shown the impossibility of trying to predict future energy requirements and therefore it was essential to bet on as many horses as possible through a policy of diversification, **Lord Beloff** (C) said in opening a debate in the House of Lords on the role of energy generation.*

No one would deny that a regular, and probably increasing, supply of energy was a condition of all industrial advance. It was difficult to predict how particular events, political as well as industrial or technological, would affect the ratio between oil, coal, gas and nuclear power.

"A sound energy policy is a policy which goes in for variety and which avoids dependence upon a single source of energy."

Nuclear power was a difficult area because not only were there human reservations, but there was also a considerable degree of ignorance and prejudice amounting almost to supernatural fears.

He had seen a television debate where Somerset county councillors had been expounding their case against the proposed Hinckley Point nuclear power station. Their argument seemed to have been based on fear of the unknown.

***Lady Nichol**, Opposition spokesman on energy, said that there was need for an energy strategy irrespective of who owned it, and in this regard the*

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Government had not been very successful.

What was needed was not the Government's grandiose plans covering all industries and carrying vast contingencies, but a policy recognizing the needs for security of supply and reasonable cost to the consumer.

Lord Ezra (SLD) said that the need to ensure the availability of energy was far and away the most important issue because it had been seen what could happen when there was deprivation whether temporary or in the longer term.

The second requirement was to make sure that supplies were provided on as low a cost basis as possible. The skill of the game was to reconcile those two objectives.

Viscount Weir (C), in a maiden speech, said that pollution of the atmosphere was an important consideration in energy production. Both coal and oil fouled the atmosphere.

The CEGB had spent £600 million in reducing sulpher emissions at power stations. That might sound a lot of money, but it was modest when compared with the £1,500 million spent in Germany. The Japanese were also far ahead in this area.

Bill would aid children

A Bill that would ban children under the age of 16 from using gaming machines in cafés, small shops, amusement arcades, snack bars, fairgrounds and other such places was given a formal first reading in the Commons, but joins a long queue of other private members' Bills awaiting further progress.

The Bill is presented by **Mr Jimmy Dunnachie** (Glasgow, Pollok, Lab), who said that it could close a loophole in the law. School children would be protected from what was becoming a form of hard gambling.

The law was lax simply because no one had foreseen the scale of the potential danger when the machines were first introduced.

Minister moves on phones

Pornographic telephone services could be dealt with under Section 43 of the Telecommunications Act, 1984, **Mr John Butcher**, Under Secretary of *State for Trade and Industry*, said at question time. Under the section it is an offence to use the telephone to send messages that are grossly offensive, indecent, obscene or menacing.

Mr Christopher Butler (Warrington South, C) suggested that Mr Butcher and the Director General of Oftel should discuss *Sunday Sport*, which proclaimed itself to be a family newspaper and yet was full of advertisements for pornographic telephone lines.

Mr Butcher said that the point could be examined under section 43. He took the matter seriously.

BT's decision to close its "Talkabout" line had shown a growing number of people the value of Oftel.

DPP considering magazine use of Red Cross emblem

The Director of Public Prosecutions is considering whether the use of a red cross on the front page of the *Tribune* newspaper breaches international law, **Lord Beaverbrook**, Government spokesman on trade and industry, told the House of Lords during question time.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) raised the issue when he said: On the cover of the *Tribune* there appears to be a red cross indistinguishable from that used by the International Red Cross organization.

Is the Government taking any action under the Geneva Convention against that publication for this blatant violation of the law?

Lord Beaverbrook: I fear there is a limit to the comment I can make upon the question.

The matter is at the moment being considered by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Until he has made his mind up that is as far as I can go.

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Earlier, answering a question from **Lady Masham of Ilton** (Ind) about Government action to prevent improper use of the Red Cross emblem, **Lord Beaverbrook** said that the Ge-

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neva Convention made it a criminal offence to use the emblem of the Red Cross without authority of the Defence Council.

It was also a criminal offence to use without authority any design or wording so resembling the Red Cross emblem that it could be mistaken for it.

Lady Masham of Ilton said that the emblem was primarily for use in time of war to protect the sick and wounded and those tending them.

For others to use it would confuse the issue and could cause problems resulting in death.

Lord Orr-Ewing (C) said that the Labour Party had suddenly seized upon use of a red cross to lead their campaign in support of the National Health Service.

An apology would be appropriate from the Opposition

Lord Beaverbrook said that it was important that the emblem was protected and that was why the Geneva Convention had been so precise on the subject.

Lord Callaghan of Cardiff (Lab) asked, to laughter, whether there had not been a crusader with a red cross on his shield on the front page of the *Daily Express*?

Lord Beaverbrook: I have to run up the white flag on that.

Managers must make decision

Future Rover model development would be a matter for the management of any company that took over Rover Group, **Mr Kenneth Clarke**, Minister for Trade and Industry, said at question time. It was a commercial rather than a political matter.

Mr Andrew Smith (Oxford East, Lab) asked what assurances the Government would seek on model development, particularly of the Rover 800 and the R9, the Montego replacement, and other models.

Mr Clarke said that British Aerospace was interested in the management of Rover Group and would obviously be seeking to acquire it as a going concern.

"We would not use the British Aerospace golden share in any way because it would not apply to new acquisitions. We would of course consider what view, if any, we would take about Rover shares when we sold them."

Law against loan sharks demanded

The Government should introduce tough new legislation to protect consumers from loan sharks, **Mr Tony Blair**, Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said during Commons questions.

He said that loans were peddled to the desperate and the ignorant. Many people were unaware of court powers to set aside the high levels of interest sometimes demanded.

Mr Francis Maude, Under Secretary of State, Trade and Industry, said that he had announced today improvements to advertisement regulations to make clearer and simpler information available to people seeking credit.

Mr Roger Knapman (Stroud, C) asked if the Government was satisfied that enough was being done to control extortionate demands.

Mr Maude said that the courts had the right to reopen a credit bargain if the case was made to them that its terms were extortionate.

The Government was looking to see whether that could be extended to allow the courts to do that without a plea from the plaintiff.

Mr Alan Michael (Cardiff South and Penarth, Lab) said that there were vast increases in the number of people experiencing debt problems and in the complexity of those problems.

Mr Maude should provide proper funding to advice services in view of the way the problem was likely to accelerate with the Government's present problems.

Nr **Maude** replied that the funding of local citizens advice bureaux had been a matter for local authorities to decide.

There were people who got into trouble with debt, but there were far more whose problems were alleviated by having access to credit.

Munitions delay

The Royal Engineers have suspended clearance of Second World War ammunition from Scorriton Down in Dartmoor National Park pending the outcome of a review of procedures in such operations, **Mr Roger Freeman**, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said in a written reply.

The review came after the theft of some munitions from Scorriton Down by members of the public, who dug up four items and took them away.

Mr Freeman said that the theft was contrary to common sense, and at considerable risk to those who removed the items.

Checks on security

An urgent review of security in police and magistrates' court cells in London has been ordered in the wake of the escape of seven prisoners from South Western Magistrates' Court cells in London on Sunday. **Mr Douglas Hurd**, Home Secretary, said in a written Commons reply.

The incident was being investigated by members of the Metropolitan Police Complaints Investigation Bureau. The cells from which the escape was made are not to be used, pending a full review of security there.

Government likely to agree 'anti-Rachmanism' move

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Government is expected to accept in principle a far-reaching amendment to its Housing Bill today that is designed to crack down on latter-day Rachmanism.

It is to be introduced by Mr John Heddle, chairman of the Conservative backbench environment committee.

He is concerned that isolated scandals involving crooked landlords could undermine the Government's programme to deregulate the private rented sector.

At present, local authorities can make landlords conform to housing standards only by serving statutory notices detailing the work that needs to be done.

However, authorities are often frustrated by their inability to identify the person on whom the notice should be served.

Mr Heddle's amendment would increase the fines for those who fail to comply with the notices.



Mr Heddle: Scandals may undermine programme

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Housing and Planning, is likely to agree with most of the MP's amendment.

It would make any director of any property company personally liable for the conduct of that company.

It would also forbid anyone from renting out property unless he or she has an address in Britain known to the tenants.

Local authorities would be given free access to the Companies Register, and to the Land Registry so that they could determine ownership.

Finally, courts would be empowered to order people served with notices to provide relevant information to local authorities.

If the person gives false information the notice would still be deemed to have been validly served.

Mr Heddle cites the case of Bristol City Council which discovered one owner of many properties using a series of "front" companies.

"Under present law it is extremely easy for the rogue landlord to transfer his property from one company to another and so evade his legal responsibilities.

"I am advised that my amendments will block up these loopholes", Mr Heddle said.

Storm cash inadequate, say MPs

The following report of a Commons debate on supplementary estimates appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government's proposals for paying compensation to local authorities affected by last October's hurricane came under attack from both sides of the Commons.

MPs supported a report from the Select Committee on Agriculture, which said that the £1 million the Government had allocated to the storm damage recovery scheme was likely to prove totally inadequate.

Opening the debate on Tuesday night, **Mr Jerry Wiggin** (Weston-super-Mare, C), chairman of the select committee, said that the total damage was likely to be well in excess of £1 billion.

Mr Donald Thompson, Parliamentary Secretary, Agriculture, said that he could not yet give the Government's full answer to the select committee report. His role in the debate was to act as a sponge and a listener.

Industrial subsidies

Coal 'has to pay its way'

The following report of a Commons debate on supplementary estimates appeared in later editions yesterday.

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*The Government demands that the coal industry should begin to pay its way without continued huge support from the taxpayer, **Mr Michael Spicer**, Under Secretary of State for Energy, told MPs at the end of the debate on Tuesday night.*

He said that £9 billion of taxpayers' money had been spent in the past nine years. "This cannot go on indefinitely."

The Government would allow the privatized electricity supply industry to buy coal in the best markets because it did not want to prevent its customers having cheaper electricity and because it was confident that British Coal could stand on its own two feet against all-comers.

"The cards are stacked in favour of British Coal if only its workers will play them.

"The Government, for its part, demands from the industry that it begins to pay its own way without a continuation of the present massive support of the taxpayer.

"The refusal of certain trade union leaders to consider modern methods and flexible working and their senseless industrial actions are jeopardizing the industry's prospects and their members' jobs.

"There can be a thriving future for British Coal. It is up to those working in the industry to allow the machinery which has been paid for to be fully worked for the benefit of the industry, the country and themselves."

Sir Ian Lloyd (Havant, C), chairman of the select committee on energy, said that the supplementary estimate was £162 million, made up of £100 million towards the increased deficit anticipated in the coming financial year, and £62 million towards restructuring, which was essentially redundancy payments.

The committee had been concerned by the failure of British Coal to achieve its goals and the large subsidies it required.

The total Treasury operating subsidies to British Coal between 1982 and 1987-88 was £6,025 million. "That is £120 a head of population throughout the country, or £300 a family."

Sir Robert Haslam, chairman of British Coal, had told the committee that by 1988-89 British Coal could effectively be out of the red, provided that the dollar did not weaken, that international prices remained firm and that there was industrial harmony. None of those conditions had been fulfilled.

Mr Alex Eadie, an Opposition spokesman on energy, said that the Government with being anti-British Coal. The proposed slaughter of the deep-mined coal industry in Scotland did not seem to trouble ministers.

The CEGB had told the select committee on energy last year that it could import 30 million tonnes of coal within three years. If it did, there would be no pits in Scotland or Kent and big cuts elsewhere.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; Prime Minister. Regional Development Grants (Termination) Bill, remaining stages. Progress on Consolidated Fund (No 3) Bill with debates on a variety of topics.

Lords (3): Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, report, fourth day. Social Security Bill, third reading.

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EEC imposes curbs on BA take-over to help rival airlines

By Harvey Elliott and Richard Owen

The European Economic Commission yesterday wrung a series of concessions from British Airways over its proposed take-over of British Caledonian and convinced Britain's independent airlines that they had found an ally in Brussels.

Mr Peter Sutherland, Competition Commissioner, announced that the take-over could go ahead provided British Airways gave up thousands of arrival and departure slots at Gatwick, withdrew its objections to route applications from independent airlines, and reported every six months on how it was implementing the EEC ruling.

The agreement was hailed as a victory by British Midland and Air Europe who hope to pick up many routes flown by British Caledonian.

Mr Harry Goodman, Air Europe chairman, said: "It is a kick in the teeth for BA.

"It is a victory for competition and a defeat for arrogance. We are delighted because it means we will now be able to bid for routes which British Airways assumed it could fly from Gatwick."

Mr Michael Bishop, chairman of Airlines of Britain, parent company of British Midland, also welcomed the EEC ruling.

"British Airways must now be accountable to someone following the inability of the British Government and UK regulatory authorities to enforce any meaningful restraint on the potential dominance of the merged airline", he said.

The EEC investigated the proposed take-over after complaints from Mr Bishop. At first BA dismissed the inquiry as unimportant but a series of meetings were held between Mr Sutherland and Sir Colin Marshall, BA chief executive.

The commission announced that the meetings had "secured a number of important undertakings from British Airways".

These included:

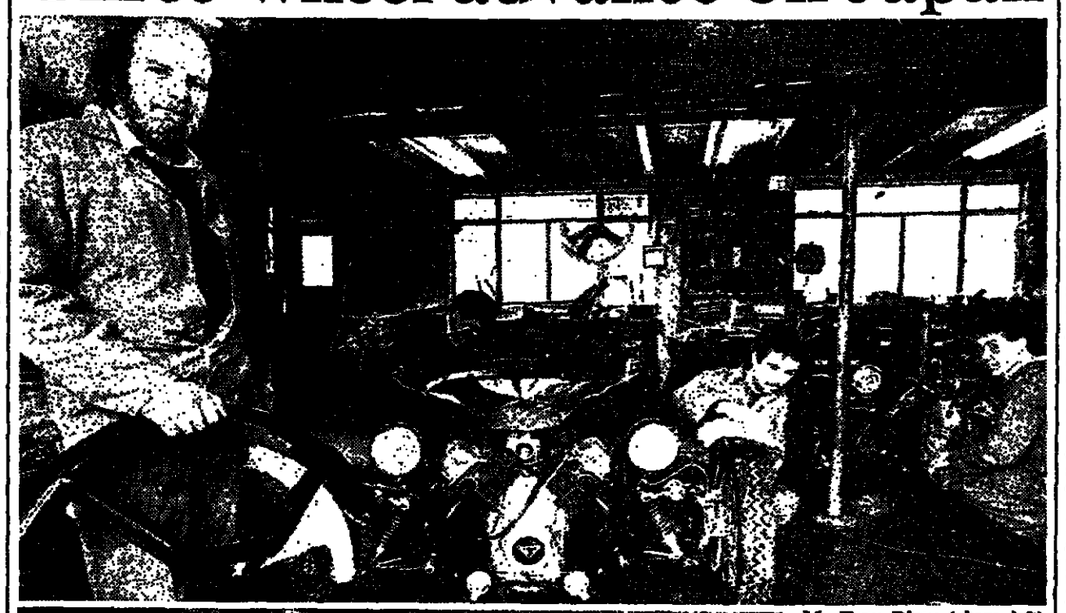
- A promise that BA would not appeal against any decisions made by the Civil Aviation Authority on reallocating B-Cal domestic route licences or licences to Paris, Brussels and Nice.
- An agreement to limit the number of slots used by the joint airline from Gatwick to 25 per cent of the total.
- The withdrawal of plans to fly from Gatwick to Athens, Copenhagen, Hamburg and Stuttgart.
- The abandonment of attempts to stop Air Europe flying to Rome and the dropping of BA's own plan to fly there from Gatwick.
- Allowing the CAA to give priority to another airline to fly to Milan.
- No objection to any airline wanting to fly alongside BA on any European route.
- An agreement not to transfer services from Gatwick to Heathrow in a way that would be detrimental to competition and to balance any of these transfers by moving other flights back to Gatwick.

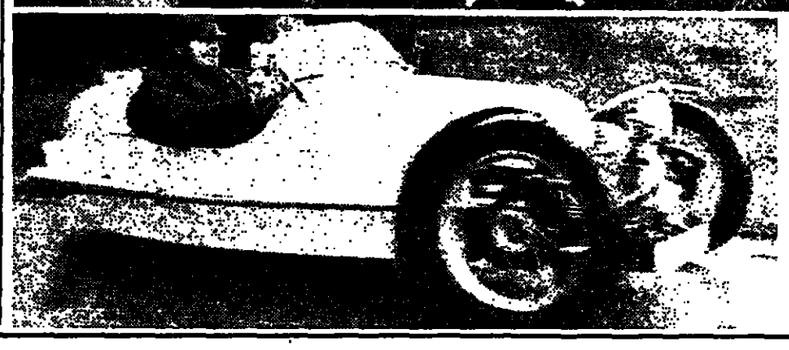
The most important curb on BA at Gatwick could come from the agreement that it will not have more than 25 per cent of the available slots.

This summer the huge airline will have 32.2 per cent of total slots and the new ceiling would mean 10,500 fewer take-offs and landings by the summer of next year.

The commission said: "The undertakings now given by BA should create stronger opportunites for new competitors to emerge".

Three-wheel advance on Japan





Mr Tony Divey (above left) and two employees putting the final touches to his latest Triking three-wheel car, the first to be bought by a Japanese, before testing another model yesterday. Production of the £9,000 Triking runs to less than nine a year from a garage next to Mr Divey's home at Marlingford, Norfolk. Mr Divey, aged 57, a technical illustrator, designed the car in 1979. It accelerates to 60mph in seven seconds and has a top speed of 100mph.

(Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Houses in Surrey 75% above UK norm

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Surrey is the most expensive county in which to buy a home, with prices 75 per cent above the British average.

Nationwide Anglia Building Society reports in its latest survey that a home in Surrey costs an average of £84,493. The mean price in the South-east is £64,657, while for the country it is £48,031.

Because of the region's house prices, buyers take out mortgages on average 23 per cent higher than elsewhere and also have to find larger deposits.

In Surrey, only 21 per cent of Nationwide Anglia borrowers are first-time buyers, compared with 30 per cent throughout the South-east and 39 per cent in the UK.

Mr Brian Whitfield, Nationwide Anglia's general manager, said the survey confirmed that it was harder than ever for first-time buyers in the South-east to find affordable property.

"First-time buyers in the South-east borrow more than 80 per cent of the price of their homes, but still have to put down an average deposit of nearly £8,000."

Local Area Housing Statistics. No 2. South-east England (Nationwide Anglia Bulding Society branches; free).

Record price for damaged painting

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

John Martin's "The Assuaging of the Waters" sold for nearly £200,000 above its estimate at Sotheby's yesterday, achieving a record for the artist at £495,000.

This was in spite of the fact that the painting sustained a four-inch tear while being handled by porters.

The painting vividly depicts the moment when the great biblical flood subsides, leaving glistening rocks and a still-turbulent sea and was bought by the American dealer, Richard Feige.

The price leaves standing the previous record for John Martin, £198,000 for "The Flight into Egypt" at Christie's in 1985, and is partly accounted for by its rarity, and its perfect provenance.

Commissioned by Queen Victoria's Mistress of the Robes, the Duchess of Sutherland, its subject was suggested by Prince Albert. It was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1840 and consigned for sale by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

The heritage lobby complained yesterday after the sale of a portrait of Edward VI as a boy, wearing a dashing feathered hat, by a follower of Hans Holbein. It went for £90,000 against an estimate of £40,000 to £60,000 to a London dealer, Browse and Darby.

It had been consigned, along with two other works, by Christ's Hospital (a private school in Horsham, Surrey, founded by Edward VI) to raise funds to build a treasury.

Critics claimed benefactors had been "betrayed" and they also complained that no mention of the painting's immediate history was mentioned in the catalogue.

Mr Nicholas Plumley, the school's curator, said yesterday that the Edward painting duplicateed others in the school's collection, but so far his researches had not discovered who originally presented it and whether there were any stipulations about selling it.

The parish of All Saints Church, Brough, Humberside, became £35,200 richer yesterday by selling an Elizabethan silver-gilt cup, chased with strapwork and fruits, for £35,200 (estimate up to £25,000) at Christie's English and continental silver sale.

Jacques Koopman paid £27,500 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) for a pair of Charles II silver-gilt octagonal caskets originally from Burghley House. In the Objects of Vertu section, top price was for a miniature sixteenth century oval enamel case. It sold to the London dealer, Simon Bull, for £26,400, £11,000 above estimate.

The sale totalled £560,000, and practically everything sold.

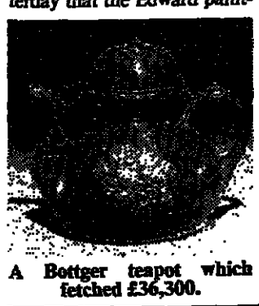
Phillips achieved a record for an item of stonewear at their European ceramics and glass sale yesterday, although their price, £36,300, was below estimate.

It was a small red teapot, five inches high, by Johann Friedrich Bottger, an eighteenth century German alchemist who turned to pottery after failing to make gold. He made the teapot when trying to discover the key to the porcelain used in the Orient, and it sold to a Japanese buyer.

Another high price was achieved by a medallion made from clay found in Sydney Cove, near Botany Bay, Australia, in the late 1780s.

Discovered by the captain in charge of the first group of convicts, the clay was sent back to Sir Joseph Banks, who asked his friend, Josiah Wedgwood, to make a set of medallions. It sold for £12,000 above estimate at £16,500.

Another runaway price was for a Spanish tapering cylindrical jug which sold for £22,000 against an estimate of up to £5,000, to a Spanish private buyer.



A Bottger teapot which fetched £36,300.

Council upholds Times complaint

In a serious article about the sale of worthless qualifications, *The Times* reported that the Council of Europe listed more than 150 "institutions of doubtful standing" and said one of the most prominent called itself Somerset University, the Press Council said today.

The council upheld a "narrow" complaint by Mr Raymond Young, the institution's administrative director, that the article inaccurately said a complaint against it had been upheld by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT).

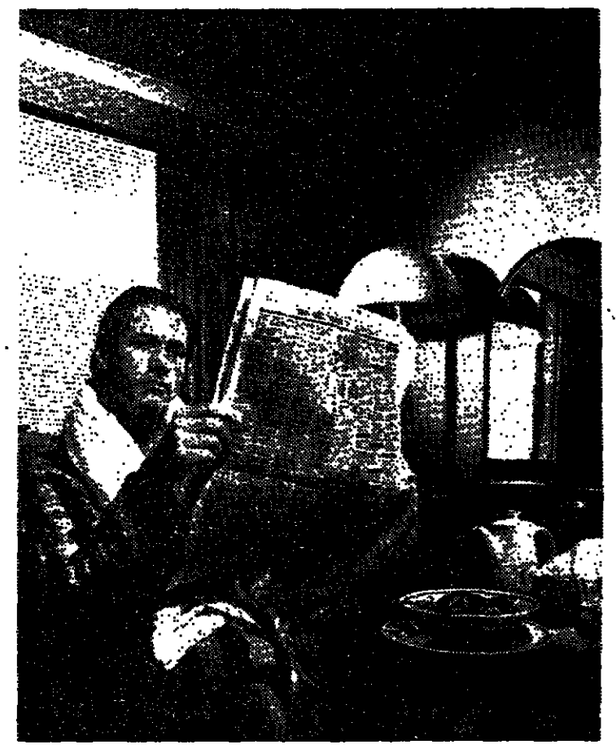
Headlined "Action planned on universities selling worthless degrees", the article, by John Clare, Education Correspondent, reported that the Government was planning to make it an offence for unrecognized colleges and universities to award degrees and diplomas.

It said that Somerset University, run by its founder, Mr Young, had no lecturers, libraries or laboratories, but offered arts and science degrees to students who completed a number of "written compositions". An ordinary BA or BSc cost £1,295, an honours degree £1,695. The recommended duration of a "course of study" was one year.

Somerset University complained that the article innacurately said a complaint against it had been upheld by the OFT. The council said the newspaper had neither sought to defend its statement nor corrected it. The newspaper offered to publish a follow-up story giving the complainants an opportunity to rebut the whole article or specific points in it but the complainants rejected that offer.

The Press Council adjudication stated:

The article's reference to the OFT has not been sustained and, accordingly, the narrow complaint against *The Times* is upheld.



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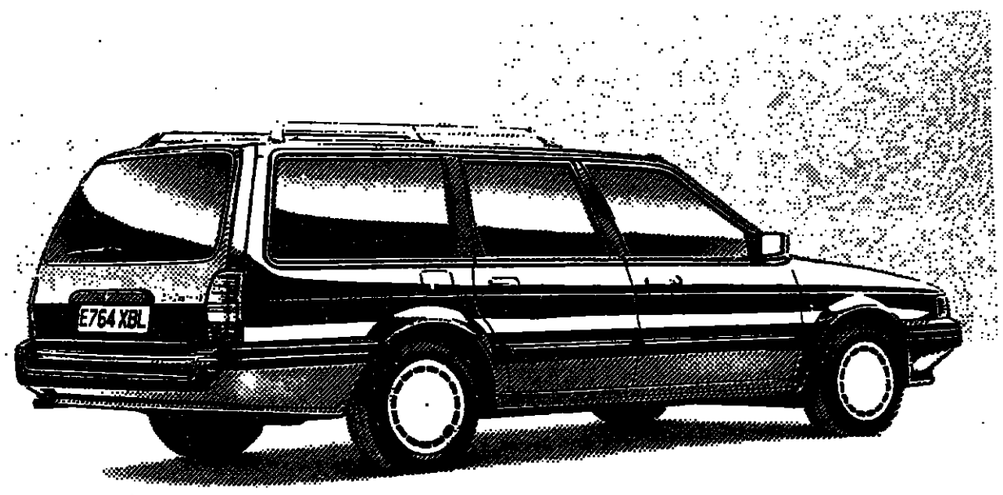
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ITV groups may face £750m loss in shake-up

By Andrew Billen

The best known names in television production could be making big losses by the year 2000 if ITV does not face up to increased competition from satellite television, according to an independent report published yesterday.

It says that even without a shake-up from government, ITV could be losing £550 million a year by the end of the next decade if it does not reduce its costs or increase its advertising revenue.

The report by National Economic Research Associates (Nera), an independent group of economists, says that the losses could be much greater – perhaps up to £750 million – if the Chancellor imposes a levy on advertising revenue rather than ITV profits, Channel 4 is hived off from ITV and an advertising-funded fifth channel is started.

The ITV companies seized on the report, which they had commissioned, as backing for their argument that the Government should not impose a radical programme of change in its forthcoming White Paper on broadcasting.

They argue that more catalysts to change, for the sake of increasing viewers' choice and ending restrictive union practices are unnecessary given the competition already on its way.

About twenty new channels are either here or being planned, including up to 11 English channels from the Astra satellite, due to be launched this year, three British Satellite Broadcasting services from 1989 and the 15 extra channels available on cable.

Mr David McCall, chairman of the ITV Council, has written to the Home Secretary for an urgent meeting to discuss the report's findings in the light of speculation that the Government intends selling off ITV franchises to the highest bidder.

He said: "We at ITV are concerned that we will have too much change too quickly. The danger is to the range, quality and diversity of the present system and to the regional system of ITV.

"The existence of four networks, BBC 1 and 2, ITV and Channel 4 should remain at the core of broadcasting for at least the next decade. The newcomers should aspire to our standards."

The 200-page report says that in the face of the new competition ITV and Channel 4's audience share will fall from 50 per cent in 1990 to somewhere between 43 and 35 per cent in the year 2000. Advertising revenue, at present growing, will begin to decline.

The report says that there are strong economic efficiency arguments in the changes being considered by the Government, which include auctioning franchises, hiving off Channel 4, offering a franchise for late night television and setting up fifth, sixth or more terrestial channels possibly based in the big cities.

However, their force will diminish in view of the increased competitive climate already coming.

On franchise allocation, the report says that financial bidding would work only if the Government was willing to abandon all but minimum programme requirements from ITV companies in return for increased efficiency.

If the Government wishes to encourage quality programme-making, on the other hand, the current, merit-based franchise award system should be retained with modifications.

The report concludes that ITV must decide whether it wishes to remain a public service broadcaster or to become more commercially oriented. If ITV wants the former option (which it does) it must seek policies which recognize the cost of public service television.

"If, on the other hand, it wants to become a purely commercial broadcaster, then it should seek policies which allow it to compete on equal terms with its rivals."

Tube controller told of fire 'delay'

The man in charge of liaison between the London Underground and emergency services on the night of the King's Cross fire said yesterday that the first he knew of the blaze was when it was mentioned in a telephone call about muggers.

Mr Malcolm Tumbridge, relief controller, told the inquiry into the fire that no call was received from the fire brigade until eight minutes after flames had engulfed the ticket hall, killing 31 people.

He said the first telephone call was from the Piccadilly Line controller at 7.39pm "to tell me that there were muggers on a train at Hounslow, west London".

Mr Tumbridge, who was acting as the Underground's headquarters controller at London Regional Transport's head office in Westminster, said the Piccadilly controller told him the Hounslow train was being held while police attended.

"He was telling me this because there would be a service delay, not because he wanted me to do anything. The line controller also told me that when the police had told him they were attending at Hounslow, they had mentioned that there was a fire in the machine room of the Piccadilly Line escalator at King's Cross.

"The line controller was concerned that he had not heard about the fire directly, but through the police."

Mr Tumbridge said: "The first contact from the London Fire Brigade I have recorded in the log was at 19.53. The person calling me told me that a full fire was reported."

Mr Tumbridge, of Derwent Avenue, East Barnet, Hertfordshire, said he received a telephone call from the police at 7.43pm requesting that Tube trains should not stop at King's Cross. He passed this on to the line controllers.

At 7.48pm, he telephoned the London Ambulance Service on a direct line, asking for an ambulance to go to King's Cross "as a precaution, because a fire had been reported and trains were being non-stopped".

A police request for an ambulance came to him two minutes later. The fatal "flashover", in which the ticket hall was engulfed in flame and smoke, is believed to have happened at 7.45pm.

Earlier in the inquiry, Mrs Patricia French, a fire brigade control officer, said she telephoned the London Underground headquarters controller at about 7.38pm to advise that fire units were being sent to King's Cross.

"The person receiving the call at London Transport control gave me his initials, M T. I wrote this information on the call slip", she said.

However, Mr Tumbridge said: "I believe she is mistaken in relation to the earlier time".

The inquiry continues today.

Teacher faces 'gross injustice' on home

By Andrew Morgan

A music teacher whose home is threatened by an extension to the North Circular Road in London yesterday refused the offer of a meeting with the Department of Transport.

Miss Evelyn Gunner, who is 78 this week, yesterday received a letter from the department suggesting a meeting at her Victorian home in Hale End Road, Walthamstow, which it wishes to demolish.

Mrs Gunner has found an ally in Lady Maude, a one-time opponent of many motorways and the mother of Mr Francis Maude, minister for corporate affairs at the Department of Trade.

Lady Maude, wife of Lord Maude of Stratford-upon-Avon, the former MP and writer, spoke yesterday of the "gross injustice" being meted out to people such as Miss Gunner.

She is the only remaining owner-occupier in Hale End Road. Several houses are boarded up and her neighbours are squatters.

Miss Gunner says she will decline the DoT's offer of a visit until she receives some official word on a "proper price" for her three-bedroom home, with its 246ft garden. It would fetch more than £150,000 if a six-lane highway were not planned near by.

The local district valuer estimated compensation at £75,000.

The £38 million scheme to improve the A406 is due to start in early summer and the department said Miss Gunner would have to move by then.



Miss Evelyn Gunner, who is fighting for compensation for the loss of her home (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

She wrote to her MP, Mr Norman Tebbit, but claims he has not been able to help.

Lady Maude says that district valuers are obliged under outdated legislation to offer three times the rateable value in compensation for disturbance, in addition to the market price of the property.

"Rateable values were fixed years ago and property prices have shot up, making compensation inadequate. The victims of such road schemes are often those less able to defend themsleves", she added.

Miss Gunner was born in the house which her parents bought in 1925 for £750.

Miss Gunner, who still teaches 20 piano students, said she felt a moral responsibility to guard the house because her parents had struggled to buy it while paying five guineas a week in sanatorium fees for her sick brother.

"I feel a sense of stewardship for this house which is unique. If I am obliged to move, them I would want at least twice the £75,000 estimate."

Thatcher's plea for an end to jargon

By David Walker
Public Administration Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday urged Civil Servants to write simply and concisely and said she would not rest until jargon was "banished forever".

"If we all wrote in plain English how much easier – and efficient – life would be", Mrs Margaret Thatcher wrote in a signed introduction to a booklet, *Making it Plain*, to be circulated to all Civil Servants.

Mrs Thatcher derided those who thought complicated writing a sign of intellectual strength. "Some of our greatest communicators were and are passionate believers in the simplicity of the written word. As Winston Churchill described a particularly tortured piece of officialese: 'This is the sort of English up with which I will not put'."

Civil Servants needed the right attitude, the booklet says. "The official who wrote 'In consequence of the non-payment of the above-noted account . . .' had the wrong attitude. He wasn't treating his reader as a human being."

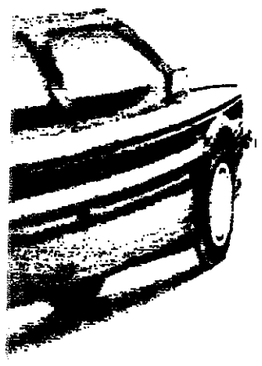
The booklet recommends shorter sentences, active verbs, and a simple style.

Making it plain – a plea for plain English in the Civil Service. (Cabinet Office, Office of the Minister for the Civil Service).

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Falklands plane lands in Uruguay

A British military Hercules transport plane flying to the South Atlantic was forced to divert to Montevideo in Uruguay yesterday because of appalling weather conditions at Mount Pleasant, the new strategic airport on the Falkland Islands (Michael Evans writes).

Special diplomatic clearance was requested and granted because of the sensitivity in several South American countries over the reinforcement exercise, "Fire Focus", which begins with an airlift of British troops to the Falklands next week. Uruguay is one of those who have protested to the British Government. However, the Hercules C130 aircraft was not taking part in the exercise.

The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that the Hercules developed propeller problems as it was flying to Montevideo and had to land with only three engines.

Briton to stay on

Sidon(Reuter) — Mr Peter Coleridge, aged 44, the Oxfam official freed on Tuesday after being held for six days by Palestinian guerrillas in Lebanon, said yesterday that he would leave the country only "when we finish what we have to do". He called on aid organizations not to desert the country.

"Oxfam and other charity groups should continue working," he said. He and fellow captive, Mr Omar Traboulsi, are expected to remain in Sidon until they can be taken to Christian east Beirut.

Soweto manhunt

Johannesburg — South African security forces yesterday mounted a manhunt in the Johannesburg area for four African National Congress guerrillas suspected of having attacked black municipal policemen in Soweto on Tuesday night (Michael Hornsby writes). Nine policemen were injured, one of them seriously.

Exchanges of gunfire continued for nearly an hour. The guerrillas threw at least three hand-grenades and used Soviet-made AK 47 automatic rifles, for which police and troops were searching yesterday.

Ex-Chancellor dies

Bonn (Reuter) — Kurt Georg Kiesinger, the former West German Chancellor, died of heart failure yesterday, officials of his Christian Democratic Union (CDU) said. He was 83. Dr Kiesinger was West Germany's third postwar Chancellor, leading a grand coalition of CDU and Social Democrats from 1966 to 1969 despite a prolonged controversy over his role during the Nazi period.

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Santiago rally clash

Santiago — Riot police and hundreds of demonstrators against the Chilean military Government clashed in Santiago city centre on Tuesday night after police fired tear gas into an auditorium where nearly 1,000 women were celebrating International Women's Day (Lake Sagaris writes).

As the women tried to get out into the street, police forcibly dispersed any large group which formed. Later, parties of young men and women threw stones and insults at police and built barricades. Reports say 100 people were arrested.

Moscow's missiles

The Soviet Union said yesterday it had supplied missiles to Iraq, but that they did not have the range to hit Tehran (Our Foreign Staff write). The admission came as Iraq fired two more missiles at Tehran and launched a wave of air raids on seven other cities.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, said the missiles were supplied under conditions ruling out modernisation: "This means we have nothing to do with the War of the Cities." He would not say whether Moscow was still shipping the weapons.

Muslim majority accused of widespread ethnic violence

Armenian refugees flee 'barbarity'

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Amid reports of widespread atrocities committed during the recent ethnic violence in the south of the Soviet Union, a growing number of Christian Armenians are fleeing from Muslim Azerbaijan, where until now they have formed a 12 per cent minority in the population of 6.5 million.

Archimandrite Tiran, head of the Armenian Church in Moscow, told *The Times* yesterday that the situation had now got so serious that a special committee of 13 prominent Armenians had been formed in Moscow to assist the refugees and to try to assess accurate information.

"Of course, being Armenian, I am very worried about what has been happening. There have been some terrible stories, but it is impossible to be certain at this distance whether they are all true," he said, shortly before leaving for the Armenian capital of Yerevan.

Inside the small Armenian church on Moscow's Dekabr'skaya Malaya, a young Armenian woman told me that Armenians were being intimidated into leaving Nagorno-Karabakh, where they are in a majority.

In an attempt to gather the facts of a situation which is clouded with emotion and overshadowed by memories of the 1915 massacre of Armenians by Muslim Turks, the Archimandrite said he would address a special meeting outside his church next Sunday.

Among the grizzly allegations being made by the first of the Armenian refugees to reach Moscow have been stories of rape, indiscriminate murder, and even one claim that Azerbaijani thugs had ripped open the stomach of a pregnant Armenian woman. All Western correspondents have been banned indefinitely from the area.

An Armenian said as we walked in the church's graveyard: "What is happening to our Armenian people is a repetition of 1915, and yet it seems the Soviet authorities are trying to stop us from finding out about it. But they will not succeed."

A number of witnesses who addressed an emotional meeting outside the church on Tuesday indicated that the violence had been on a much greater scale than that admitted by the Kremlin, and that the barbarities had not been seen here since the Second World War.

One man said that two groups of 30 or 40 Azerbaijanis attacked and beat Armenians on his street in Kirovabad, one of the three main cities in Azerbaijan. "They ran down the street breaking windows ,fs2.. they broke into the first house on the corner and took everything of value they could find," he said.

One elderly resident of of Sumgait, which has a 17,000-strong Armenian minority and where a strict curfew is still being imposed by thousands of troops, said: "We appealed to the militia and they took us to the town hall. They put a guard on it.

"On February 28 (the single worst day of the violence) they were killing and raping. They killed a 16-year-old and a 13-year-old. They killed people out in the open, in public."

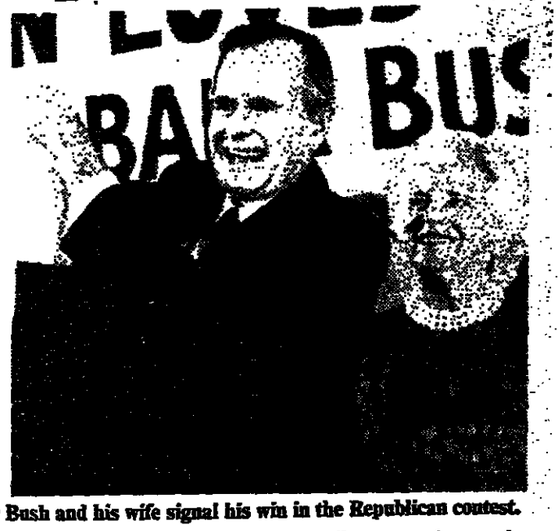
Dissident sources in Moscow have spoken of a death toll of 180, with a further 1,000 people injured in the disturbances. But there has been no confirmation of these figures from the authorities or the refugees.

Archimandrite Tiran said he had repeatedly appealed to the Armenian community here to show restraint.

Despite the spate of rumours, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, told a press briefing yesterday that in Sumgait the death toll had now risen by one, but was correct as originally given. "The death figure of 32 is official and corresponds to the truth," he said.

Jackson fire fails to spark an impassive Bush





Texas stars: Mr Jackson celebrating victory in the Democratic primary with his mother and wife while, across Houston, Mr Bush and his wife signal his win in the Republican contest.

From Charles Bremner
Houston

Vice-President George Bush, even in the heat of the "biggest political victory of my career", has to try hard to stir the juices of his well-groomed Texas faithful. "My congratulations to Pat, Bob and Jack for a good fight," he intones in good Yale tradition as the strains of "Ya ain't nothing but a hound dog" still linger in the hotel ballroom.

"I am going to be the next President of the United States." He has just flung Mr Robert Dole on the ropes by winning every primary on "Super Tuesday" and all but guaranteed himself the Republican nomination, but Mr Bush still does not sound convinced.

"It's just hard to see that guy leading the free world," says one of the stewardesses from the Bush press plane, one of the few in the room outside the campaign circus.

Across Houston in the Albert Thomas Convention Centre, the Rev Jesse Jackson is ministering to an altogether more feverish throng. "We have won. America has won," he booms, chanting, pounding and working the crowd like a backwoods preacher on a hot night. Unlike Mr Bush's besuited rock and roll band, Mr Jackson's is belting out "La Bamba" in Spanish.

"I'm not running against Al Gore or Mike Dukakis. I'm running against George Bush in November," he screams.

Wishful thinking, certainly, because despite his sweep of five states in the "new South", Mr Jackson stands a slim chance against Mr Dukakis, or even Mr Gore, in the mainly white northern and western states.

But Mr Jackson has proved his clout and shown that a black can now get as far as this, as far as taking Alabama, the state of the old white supremacy of Mr George Wallace. He never expected to win Texas, where Mr Dukakis was helped by his knowledge of Spanish. "I have a sense of joy, my message has won," Mr Jackson said yesterday. He is particularly proud of making his southern sweep after spending only $100,000 (about £54,000) on advertising, compared with the millions spent by the other Democratic candidates.

Next week's Illinois primary should hand Mr Jackson a further boost, given the high black population of Chicago, his current home town.

According to the opinion polls, Mr Bush shares one thing with Mr Jackson — a high negative rating among the electorate at large. This is Mr Dole's only spark of hope

His argument is simple — Americans will not choose Mr Bush over a Democrat, while they would vote for Mr Dole.

The Dole camp has been quoting heavily from a big *New York Times* profile on Sunday that cast Mr Bush as "the invisible man".

Mr Bush's own entourage, acutely aware of his "wimp" image, have been coaching the Vice-President on how to be more macho.

Hardly a speech goes by now without Mr Bush referring to his hours in the water off a Pacific island after his fighter was shot down by a Japanese plane in the Second World War.

Mr Dole should do better in the North, because Mr Bush will not benefit from a strong pro-Reagan vote as he did in Texas and the South. But party experts say Mr Bush's momentum, and his possession of two-thirds of the delegates needed for nomination, have already clinched it for him.

How candidates polled on Super Tuesday

REPUBLICANS

	Total	Bush	Dole	Robertson	Kemp	Uncom†
*Votes cast		2.49m	1.07m	0.562m	0.213m	0.025m
*Percentage		56	24	13	5	1
Alabama	38	35	3	0	0	0
Arkansas	27	14	7	5	1	0
Florida	78	78	0	0	0	0
Georgia	48	48	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	38	27	11	0	0	0
Louisiana	34	34	0	0	0	0
Maryland	41	41	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	52	30	13	2	3	4
Mississippi	31	27	2	2	0	0
Missouri	47	21	18	0	0	8
N.Carolina	54	29	25	0	0	0
Oklahoma	36	33	3	0	0	0
Rhode Island	21	15	6	0	0	0
Tennessee	45	28	11	1	0	5
Texas	111	111	0	0	0	0
Virginia	50	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	41	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total March 8		571	99	9	4	17
Previous total		127	65	8	35	12
Total overall		698	164	17	39	29
Total needed for nomination:			1,139			

†Uncommitted *91 per cent of precincts reported

DEMOCRATS

Total	Dukakis	Gephardt	Gore	Jackson	Hart	Simon	Uncom†
1	2.36m	1.18m	2.39m	2.43m	0.264m	0.175m	0.094m
1	26	13	26	27	3	2	1
56	0	0	29	27	0	0	0
38	10	1	19	8	0	0	0
131	86	8	6	31	0	0	0
77	5	0	34	38	0	0	0
55	12	0	37	6	0	0	0
63	2	2	27	32	0	0	0
62	39	0	0	22	0	0	0
98	79	0	0	19	0	0	0
40	1	0	17	22	0	0	0
77	1	71	0	5	0	0	0
82	17	0	34	31	0	0	0
46	7	14	23	2	0	0	0
22	19	0	0	3	0	0	0
70	0	0	56	14	0	0	0
119	46	10	26	37	0	0	0
75	14	0	22	39	0	0	0
65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	338	106	330	336	0	0	0
	69.5	50	11.8	27.55	0	35.5	253.65
	407.5	156	341.8	363.55	0	35.5	253.65
Total needed for nomination:			2,082				

†94 per cent of precincts reported

Cautious Dukakis declines 'front-runner' label

From Christopher Thomas
Chicago

Governor Michael Dukakis hired a dingy nightclub in Chicago's North East Side to claim victory before an audience as mixed as his voters: Greeks, Hispanics, old people and young liberal whites. But even he rejected the title of "front-runner" acknowledging that many battles were yet to be won.

"Super Tuesday" was far from the sweeping triumph many had predicted, but it pushed him into a tenuous lead for the Democratic presidential nomination.

He arrived in Chicago ahead of most of the other Democratic contenders in readiness for the imporant Illinois primary contest next Tuesday, and was rewarded with plenty of local television interviews — free media as campaign people call it.

The Massachusetts Governor strode to the stage of the Clubland Nightclub hand in hand with his wife, Kitty, to the booming accompaniment of Neil Diamond's "America". He declared that he was out to beat Senator Paul Simon and the Rev Jessie Jackson on their home turf of Illinois.

"Tonight, this son of immigrants has won in the North-East, in Maryland, and in the South," he said. "I am winning in the West and winning all over America."

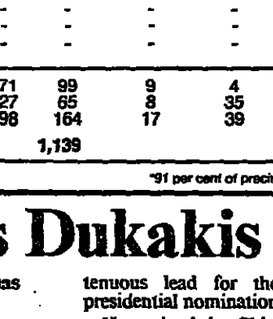
Mr Dukakis captured about half the Hispanic vote on Super Tuesday which was not as decisive as he had hoped, but which helped his campaign in Texas and Florida.

Mr Jackson, who captured all but about 5 per cent of the black vote, will also be a force in Illinois, where he came third in 1984 behind Mr Walter Mondale and Mr Gary Hart.

Mr Simon, who was elected to the Senate for Illinois in 1984, is running a make-or-break campaign here. If he is beaten, it will not only kill off his moribund presidential aspirations but could also set off a losing streak that will endanger his Senate seat in 1990.

Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee is presenting himself here as a more conservative alternative to the two native sons. If he does well and helps split the white vote, Mr Jackson could get the biggest single share of votes.

Results highlight the Democrats' big problem



Geoffrey Smith

Super Tuesday has given the Republicans a winner and the Democrats a problem. Vice-President George Bush therefore has a double reason for satisfaction with the outcome of this unprecedented cluster of primaries.

His triumph in the 17 Republican contests virtually assures him of his party's nomination. That may not be absolutely certain until after next week's primary in the large Midwestern industrial state of Illinois. If Senator Dole wins that he could in theory still collect enough delegates in the other large states which have yet to hold their contests.

But in practical terms it would now take something of a political miracle to deprive Mr Bush of the nomination. This means that he will soon no longer be under pressure to concentrate his appeal on Republican primary voters.

This could be a critical consideration. In every American primary only a small proportion of those who are prepared to vote for a party in a general election bother to go to the polls.

Those who do so are naturally the most ardent, and therefore usually the more extreme. They are not a balanced sample of the voters to whom a candidate must appeal if he is to win the Presidency in November.

So someone who has to devote all his efforts throughout the summer to garnering support among either right-wing Republicans or left-wing Democrats may find that he turns too late to the wider electorate. To be able to sew up his party's nomination relatively early on is consequently a great advantage for a candidate.

It is an advantage that seems likely to be denied to the Democrats. Three of them did reasonably well on Super Tuesday: the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Governor Michael Dukakis and Senator Albert Gore.

A fourth, Congressman Richard Gephardt, may have run sufficiently strongly earlier on to be still in with a chance. That should be evident after the Illinois primary next week.

I still believe that Mr Dukakis is the best placed, but none of them has established a position of strength that would enable anyone to feel confident of the nomination at this stage. Senator Gore's showing, which exceeded more recent expectations, has been a complicating factor.

But the biggest complication for the Democrats is Mr Jackson's strength. He cannot get the nomination, and it would be political suicide for the Democrats even to give him second place on the ticket.

That is partly because of racial prejudice in the electorate but also because he lacks the relevant experience. No white candidate with his views and his experience would stand a chance of being elected.

This means that what Mr Jackson is amassing is a blocking strength and a bargaining strength. The more delegates he has, the less likely it is that anyone will be able to win the nomination on the first ballot and the more he could hope to be a power broker at the Atlanta Convention.

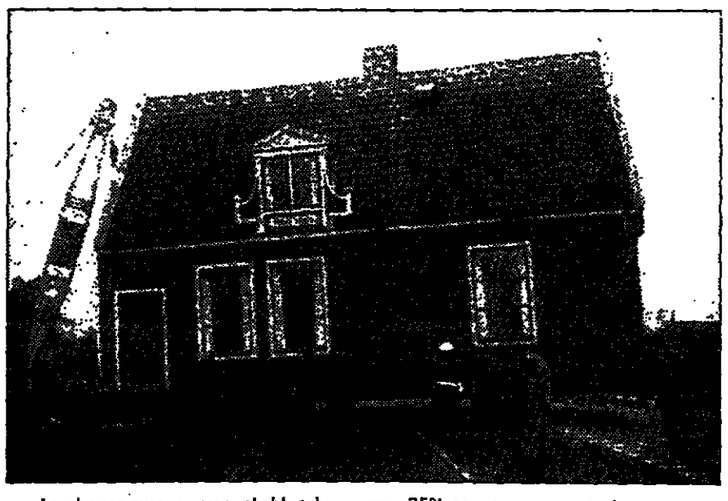
But if any candidate seemed to be beholden to Mr Jackson that could scupper his chances in November. So if Mr Jackson continues to pile up the votes — not only from blacks but from white liberals and some trade unionists as well — a ghastly possibility opens up before the Democrats: that the nomination might be available only on terms that would assure the candidate's subsequent defeat.

The best hope for the Democrats must be that one of their electable candidates will build up a commanding lead as quickly as possible. Only then would they be able to put pressure on Mr Bush.

But he too faces a challenge. He has done so well up to this stage by drawing on the support of the Republican faithful for Mr Reagan's man. Now, without in any way compromising his loyalty to the President, he has to win the backing of the electorate at large by demonstrating that he can also be his own man.

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European unification programme unveiled

Kohl and Thatcher on crash course over VAT

From Richard Owen
Strasbourg

With the success of the watershed Brussels summit on EEC finances behind him, Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany yesterday laid down an urgent and wide-ranging programme for European unification. This would include not only monetary union and a common security policy but also the controversial harmonization of value-added tax throughout the EEC.

In a move which is certain to antagonize Mrs Thatcher, Herr Kohl, in an important speech to the European Parliament, put the VAT issue firmly at the top of the agenda for the next three months, before Bonn hands over the EEC presidency to Greece. Mrs Thatcher opposes the ending of VAT zero rating in Britain of foodstuffs, children's clothing and fuel. British officials had hoped the VAT question would be quietly shelved.

Herr Kohl, who chaired the EEC summit in February and is the current President of the EEC's Council of Ministers, urged Europe to keep up the momentum towards integration now that the farm and budget problems had been settled.

To repeated applause from Euro-MPs, Herr Kohl said the goal of political union in Europe would become "irreversible" if the EEC built on the summit success by moving towards economic and monetary union and a common security policy. "We all need a strong Europe," Herr Kohl declared. "Let's get on with the job."

The EEC had to prove itself to voters in the direct elections to the European Parliament next year, he said.

Until the EEC summit, Herr Kohl was criticized for failing to halt the worrying West German drift towards disillusionment with the EEC for its alleged failure to meet German concerns. West Germans also felt that Nato did not appreciate West German defence and geo-political sensitivities.

But officials said Herr Kohl was determined to consolidate the compromises achieved both at the EEC summit and at the Nato summit a week ago, and to assert Bonn's leadership in Europe.

With his ruling Christian Democrats facing a crucial regional election in Baden-Württemberg in just over a week, Herr Kohl yesterday sought to pacify rural voters by saying that although the EEC farm reform deal required sacrifices from farmers, the EEC had sought to avoid placing "unacceptable burdens on them". It had guaranteed family farm incomes and early retirement schemes. Under the new system of resources, partly based on gross national product, all states would pay more to Brussels. "The Europe we want cannot be had for nothing", Herr Kohl told MEPs.

The Chancellor emphasized the need to reduce the "affluence gap" between North and South in the EEC. Under the Brussels agreement, regional aid to the poorest regions would double by 1992.

The VAT proposals put forward by Lord Cockfield, the Internal Market Commissioner, envisage VAT rates in two broad bands to avoid trade distortions once the European market is unified in 1992.

The proposals require a unanimous vote by the 12 governments in the Council of Ministers to become law, and Mrs Thatcher has vowed to veto any attempt to end British zero rating.

Mr Richard Cottrell, Conservative Euro-MP for Bristol, said Mrs Thatcher had been "sold down the Rhine" by Herr Kohl on the VAT issue.

The Chancellor said Bonn wanted "decisive progress" on the single market by the next EEC summit in Hanover in June. He identified West Germany's priorities as:

- The liberalization of capital movements across frontiers;
- The harmonization of insurance;
- The approximation of technical standards and university degrees;
- The opening up of public contracts, with emphasis on telecommunications and transport;
- The harmonization of patents and trade marks;
- Co-operation in technology.



Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, meeting Bedouin leaders in the Negev before his crucial visit to the US.

Palestinian unity assures success of general strike

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

After three months of unrest in the occupied territories, the broad unity of the Palestinians there was shown yesterday by a solid general strike and demonstrations in which two more people were shot and killed by troops.

The disunity of the Israeli coalition Government was underlined at the same time, as the 10 members of the inner Cabinet failed to take a vote on new American peace proposals, leaving Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud Prime Minister, to press for changes in them when he visits Washington next week.

If he fails to win the concessions he wants, he promises to start planning for an early general election on his return to Israel.

Negotiations on a date will be difficult, with Mr Shimon Peres wanting the poll no later than the end of May, and Mr Shamir seeking it in high summer, when Labour supporters traditionally take their holidays out of the country.

Meanwhile, the Army has been using an anti-riot gun which fires stones. Criticized for beating too often and shooting too much, the Army has developed the gun, mounted on an armoured personnel carrier, to fire small chips of gravel at high velocity and with great accuracy at demonstrators.

It was used effectively several times yesterday, particularly to disperse a violent demonstration at Kalkilya. So far, the Army is refusing to give technical details about the weapon.

Yesterday's disturbances were in line with instructions in a leaflet distributed through the occupied territories in the name of the "National United Leadership of the Uprising".

This called for the strike and demonstrations to mark "Martyr's Day in memory of the 85 Palestinians who have been shot dead over the past three months".

The two people who died yesterday were named as Mohammad Fares, aged 22, and Jamil Hijazi, aged 19.

● STRASBOURG: The European Parliament yesterday refused by a large majority to approve a new trade agreement with Israel, a move clearly linked by Euro-MPs to Israeli actions in the occupied territories (Richard Owen writes).

The effect is to freeze £45 million worth of "soft" EEC loans to Israel from the European Investment Bank, and to reject proposed new tariffs favourable to Israeli exports of cut flowers and other products to Britain and Europe.

17 soldiers killed in helicopter collision

Fort Campbell, Kentucky (AP) — Two military helicopters collided during a night flight, killing up to 17 people.

Major Randy Schobel said the crash happened during a "routine night mission" near the Fort Campbell army base, and everyone on the helicopters had been killed. He thought 17 people were on board the two craft.

Leader jailed

Dakar (AFP) — Senegal's opposition leader, Mr Aboulaye Wade, and 12 other opposition members have been charged with incitement to violence and jailed.

Spies expelled

Copenhagen (AP) — Two Czechoslovaks were deported for photographing Nato warships. A soldier has also been arrested for allegedly contacting Russian agents.

Quick release

Cape Town (AP) — A gardener was jailed for 15 minutes, with five years suspended, for claiming there was a bomb in President Botha's office.

Nobel miss

Oslo (Reuter) — The Prime Ministers of Greece and Turkey were ruled ineligible for the Nobel Peace Prize because their nomination was too late.

Orbiting link

Moscow (Reuter) — The Soviet Union will launch a second research module later this year to link with its manned Mir space station.

Train attack

Maputo (AP) — Guerrillas derailed a train in Mozambique and killed 11 people.

Trouble in Tibet

Buddhist leader warns rioters

From A Correspondent, Peking

China's highest ranking Buddhist leader yesterday warned of harsh punishments for Tibetans who staged a violent pro-independence demonstration last week in which at least three people died and dozens of monks were arrested.

The call for calm by the Panchen Lama, the most revered Tibetan Buddhist after the region's exiled god-king the Dalai Lama, was clearly intended to deter the volatile Tibetans from engaging in another suicidal outburst of anti-Chinese feeling today, the anniversary of a bloody 1959 rebellion against Peking.

"As a Tibetan and a devoted Buddhist, I am shocked by the riot and indignant at it," the 50-year-old Panchen Lama, who lives in Peking but is allowed to return to Tibet for brief visits, said in his first comments on Saturday's anti-Chinese riot in Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, when angry monks were reportedly shot by police.

"Separatists" must be severely punished, he said.

As the only Peking leader who can still command respect among the deeply religious Tibetans, the Panchen Lama's warning may be heeded, allowing today's anniversary to pass unmarked — or so the Communist Party must hope.

Although he is regarded by many Tibetans as a "two-headed one" (a turncoat), Buddhist faith still holds firm and even leading Tibetan officials bow in reverence to him. Respect for him is that much deeper among the monks.

Claiming that the protesters "failed to understand" Peking's policy in Tibet, the Panchen Lama said they regarded the central Government's "leniency and forbearance as a sign of weakness, assuming that the more violently they riot, the more we shall give in".

That seems to suggest that the Communist Party has decided that only a stiff crackdown will curb the militancy of the monks. Just in case the locals fail to take the hint, police have sealed off the Jokhang Temple, Tibet's holiest shrine and the site of three violent protests against Peking's rule since last September.

The anniversary is a stark reminder to the fiercely proud Tibetans of the flight of the Dalai Lama to India on March 10, 1959. On that day, he had arranged to attend a play at his sprawling summer residence on the outskirts of Lhasa. Rumours of a plot by the Chinese military to kidnap him during the play prompted his flight with hundreds of followers across the Himalayas.

The Tibetans rebelled. Chinese officials say at least 87,000 were killed as the revolt was suppressed. Tibetans insist the figure was much higher and the Dalai Lama claims that at least 1.2 million of his people have died since the Chinese occupation began.

● Armed patrols: A Western witness in Lhasa said yesterday that "thousands" of heavily armed police were patrolling the centre of Lhasa (Reuter reports).

A convoy of 120 trucks, each carrying at least 20 men armed with submachine-guns, toured the city in a massive show of force, he said.

Speaking by telephone from Lhasa, the witness said he had heard persistent reports from what he called "reliable Tibetan sources" that as many as 16 monks had been killed when the security forces stormed the Johkang Temple on Saturday to quell anti-Chinese protests.

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Four go in Nepal Cabinet shake-up

Kathmandu (AFP) — King Birendra of Nepal replaced four Cabinet ministers yesterday in a reshuffle of the 20-month-old Government of the Prime Minister, Mr Marich Man Singh Shrestha, state-run radio announced.

A palace communiqué said that the changes had been made on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, who retained the portfolios of defence and royal palace affairs.

The four outgoing ministers are Mr Hem Bahadur Malla (forestry), Mr Gunjeswar Prasad Singh (health), Mr Bijaya Prakash Thebe (commerce), and Mr Hari Narayan Rajauriya (agriculture). Mr Malla had come under fire for alleged corruption, including improper distribution of permits to cut trees for export.

The reshuffle came amid challenges faced in implementing the King's basic needs programme, which aims to provide shelter, clothing, health services, education and social security for all the 24.6 million Nepaleses by the turn of the century.

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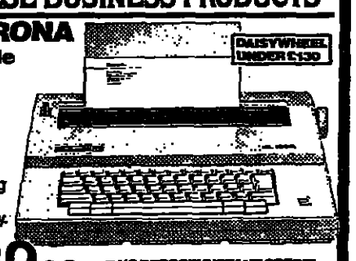
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Thatcher to tackle Portugal over farm compensation

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

Senhor Anibal Cavaco Silva, the Portuguese Prime Minister, will be challenged by Mrs Thatcher during his visit to London, which starts today, on providing compensation for British farmers who had land seized in his country's 1974 revolution.

Nearly 20,000 acres were expropriated or nationalized in the Alentejo region after being occupied by Communist-led farm workers. Most of the land has been handed back to its British owners by the Lisbon Government which came to power after the Communist and radical left-wingers were ousted at the end of 1975.

But the farmers were never compensated for the loss of cattle, crops, farm buildings and machinery in the past 13 years. The Britons are claiming compensation under the Trade and Navigation Act, 1916, signed between Britain and Portugal, ratified many times, and finally recognized in the 1975 Portuguese Constitution which guarantees "just and prompt payment before expropriation of property".

The British Embassy in Lisbon says that there are four claims outstanding, amounting to around £1 million.

Senhor Miguel Cadilhe, the Portugese Minister of Finance, said this week in Brussels that steps had been taken to speed up the compensation process, and an arbitration board would be set up to determine the extent of the losses. The Foreign Ministry in Lisbon said that the situation was "nearing a solution".

But the Britons involved are not so optimistic. "We will believe it when we see it," said Mr Roderick Reynolds, who—with members of his family and other land owners – had more than 11,000 acres expropriated and turned into collective farms. He explained:



Senhor Cavaco Silva: Facing cash challenge in London.

"Most of the land was returned in 1986. But it was in total disrepair. On one of our farms, 600 head of prize sheep disappeared, along with all of the farm equipment.

"On another, workers cut down 2,500 cork trees and sold them as firewood. On another, they sold off fine reserve wines from our vineyards as cheap, ordinary wine. We got back all of our tractors as rubbish heaps. The farm houses were not maintained and have gone to wrack and ruin. We have lost 13 years of crops in corks and olive oil. We calculate that we have lost between £3 million and £4 million."

Mr Pat Wardle, another British farmer, had a 1,200-acre farm taken from him and turned into a co-operative for six years. Since he received the land back, he has been working it with money borrowed from the banks at interest rates of between 20 per cent and 30 per cent. He said: "We are claiming for lost stocks, cattle, wrecked machinery and lost crops plus interest."

Both men intend to use money they may receive to re-equip their property. Mr Reynolds said: "We only want to be compensated."



Protesters against General Noriega's rule in Panama adding fuel to a burning barricade in Panama City's banking district.

US military exercise angers Panama

Panama City (NYT) – The Government of General Manuel Noriega claims that American military manoeuvres now being conducted in the country violate the Panama Canal treaties and are "a prelude to a military invasion".

Señor Jorge Abadia, the Minister for External Relations, told a press conference that the United States "unilaterally" informed Panama this month that it would be using military installations and airspace in Panama. In doing so, he said, the US had ignored joint consultation processes required by the Panama Canal treaties of 1977.

"This is the most naked aggression of all," Señor Abadia said. "We want the world to know we have not agreed to these manoeuvres."

A Panamanian military official, Major Daniel Delgado, said that only military exercises specifically required for the defence of the canal were permitted under the treaties. He said the current manoeuvres were proof that an invasion by American forces was "imminent in the next few days".

Officials at the US Southern Command, which has 10,000 men under its supervision in the former Canal Zone, said a week-long series of annual dry-season military exercises began last Friday. Panamanian troops were not involved but the authorities had been informed. A spokesman said that a second set of authorized military exercises, involving the Florida and Puerto Rico National Guards, were scheduled to begin this Saturday and continue into April.

At his press conference, Señor Abadia called on Latin American and other countries to support the position of the Government. Only a handful of countries, including Cuba, Nicaragua and Libya, recognize the Noriega regime as Panama's lawful government. The US and most other countries continue to recognize President Delvalle, who was deposed late last month.

Rebel ends left-wing control in Manitoba

From John Best
Ottawa

The left-wing New Democratic Party's Government in Manitoba has been brought down by a no-confidence vote on the province's budget.

Mr Howard Pawley's party was defeated 28 to 27 when one of its own back-benchers, Mr James Walding, unexpectedly voted in favour of the Conservative motion.

Mr Walding was known to have been unhappy at being excluded from the Cabinet, but he said on Monday that he would support the Government in the budget vote.

But after changing sides on Tuesday night, Mr Walding said he had become tired of carrying the responsibility for the Government's survival. He said: "It's time that the decision regarding whether the Government has a mandate is decided by Manitobans, not by me."

The defeat of Mr Pawley was good news for Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, in his battle for support for his highly contentious free trade agreement with the United States.

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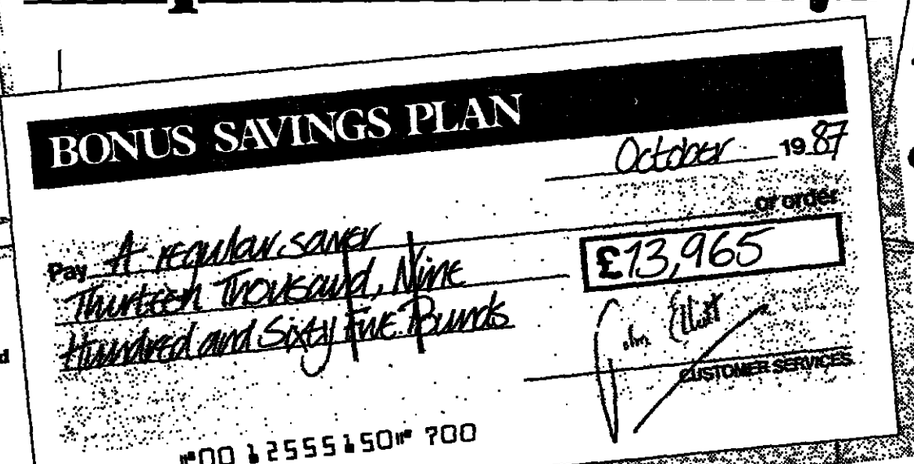
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Unrest in Somalia

Barre keeps the north in check

From Andrew Buckoke, Hargeysa

General Morgan, the army commander for northern Somalia and President Barre's effective deputy dictator in the region, keeps a pet cheetah and a couple of eagles at his luxurious villa in Hargeysa.

The President keeps lions, albeit with their claws and canine teeth removed, at his villa in Mogadishu, so the general's choice of pets is nicely judged, for his chief, although believed to be aged about 70, is far from toothless – his tight control of Somali politics and society is enforced by the police, the army and a security service trained by the KGB. Here, in this former British colony, he needs all three, as well as a flamboyant but capable and ruthless deputy like General Morgan, to contain the discontent of a northern people who feel they have been ignored politically and economically since independence in 1960, when the British colony was combined with the Italian colony to the south.

Mogadishu and the south have received the biggest share of the development budget, especially since President Barre took power in the 1969 military coup and instituted a one-party socialist system.

Somali Nationalist Movement rebels are the expression of the disaffection of the northern clans, and the army's ruthless efforts to put them down have made Hargeysa seem like a subject city.

When I arrived a day before the Princess Royal's visit last week on behalf of the Save the Children Fund, of which she is President, I was effectively confined to my run-down hotel, once the British Club but now without even running water.

After much urging on my part, I was driven rapidly through dusty, dry and ill-kept streets, but not allowed to stop to talk to anyone. In the evening it apparently required the General's permission for me to have supper at the house of a United Nations Children's Fund official.

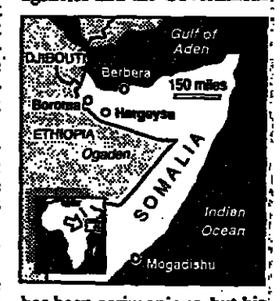
Activity by the nationalist rebels appears to have declined recently, but there are still unconfirmed reports of land-mine attacks and other incidents and no chances were taken for the Princess Royal's trip. Her convoy was accompanied by Jeeps, mounted with heavy machine-guns, and a reconnaissance aircraft scouted the route from Hargeysa to Boorama, a small town isolated among barren mountains two miles from the Ethiopian border.

The Princess had little cause for concern, however. The rebels are mainly active at night, and although the Ethiopians bombed Boorama, killing 40 people, in 1984, the last big border incident was more than a year ago.

The border tension, and Ethiopian support for the rebels, stems from the Ogaden War in 1977-8 in which a Somali invasion was repulsed with Soviet and Cuban support. Somalia continues to claim territory in the Ogaden occupied by ethnic Somalis, and supports the Western Somali Liberation Front guerrillas still operating there.

The other legacy of the Ogaden War is the refugees. The Government claims there are 850,000 in Somalia, nearly one in five of the 5.8 million population. Relief agencies privately estimate the number may be only half that, as many of those claimed by the Government are ethnic Somali nomads who might live in Somalia anyway.

The dispute between the agencies and the Government has been acrimonious, but big money is involved. The annual budget for the 42 camps is more than £16 million, which compares with about £55 million a year in export earnings.



Conditions in many camps are better than in the villages outside.

The camp the Princess Royal visited on the way back from Boorama is unusual, however, in that most of the 33,000 people there are not ethnic Somalis. Daawale, on a dry scrubby plain surrounded by distant hills, houses Oromos fleeing insecurity, drought and the Ethiopian "villagization" policy. Most were moved to Daawale a year ago from Tug Wajalle, where insanitary conditions and overcrowding had led to dangerous epidemics.

Daawale is no holiday camp, however. All the water has to be brought in by road tankers and officials of the UN High Commission for Refugees say rations have occasionally to be reduced because of difficulties in bringing in enough food.

Militant Sikh takes over at Golden Temple

Delhi (AFP) – The Sikh militant candidate was enthroned yesterday as the new head priest at Amritsar's Golden Temple, the Press Trust of India reports.

Jasbir Singh Rode – a nephew of the late Sikh fundamentalist leader, Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, who sowed the seeds of the separatist movement and died in an army assault on the temple in June, 1984 – was released from jail on Friday where he was held on charges of sedition.

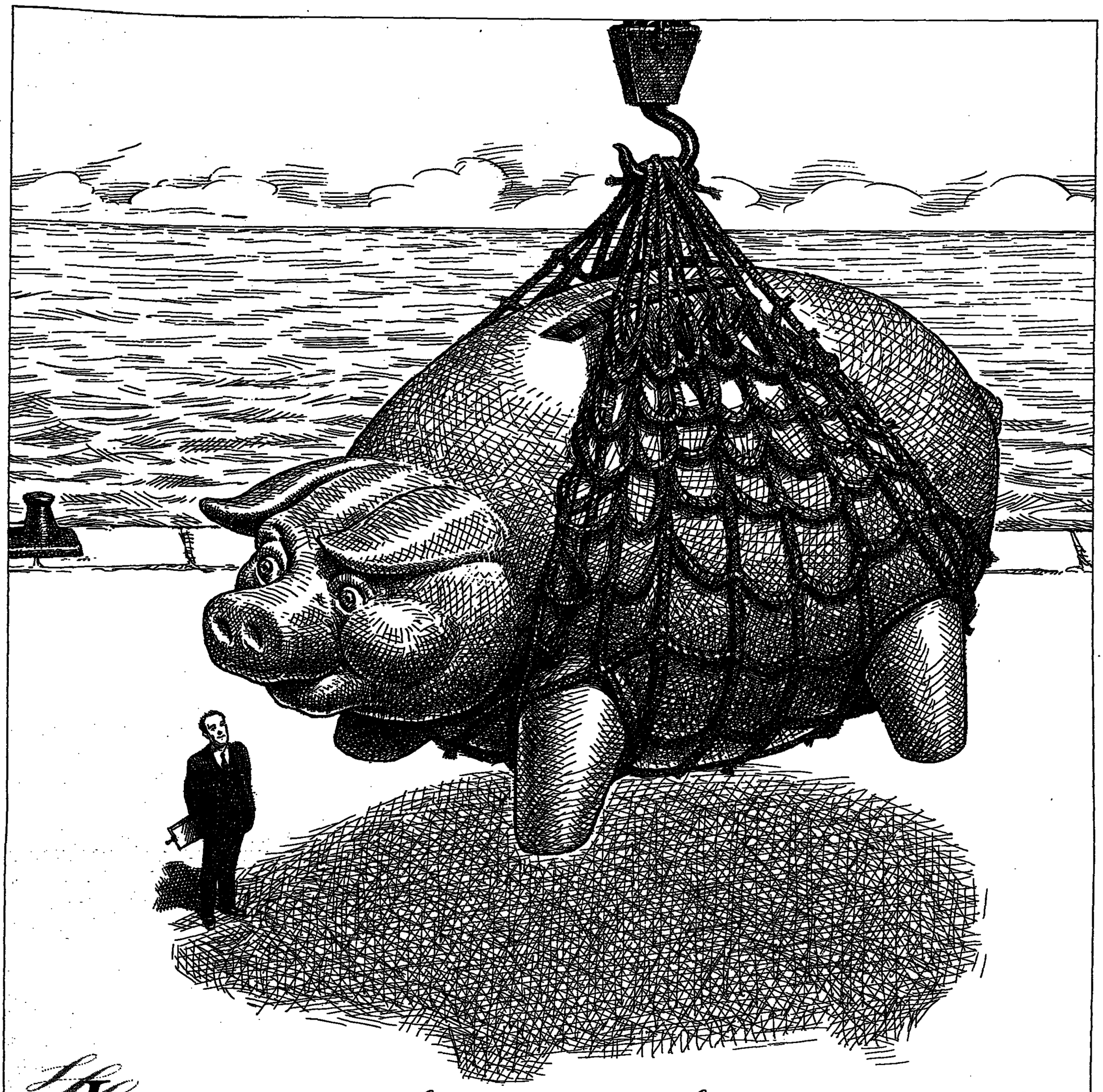
Observers attributed his success to his direct relationship to Bhindranwale.

Jasbir Singh succeeds Darshan Singh, who resigned last year after airing differences with militants waging a bloody campaign in Punjab for a separate Sikh homeland.

Darshan Singh opposed the separatist campaign and favoured greater autonomy for Sikhs within India. The militants branded him a traitor to the Sikh cause.

Jasbir Singh, aged 34, is the 17th and youngest man to be installed as priest controlling the Golden Temple's Akal Takht (Throne beyond Time).

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Heading for final term

Suharto keeps Indonesia guessing about successor

From Gavin Bell, Jakarta

President Suharto of Indonesia will be elected for probably his final five-year term today amid a rare debate over the country's political future after he has gone.

The extension of President Suharto's military-backed rule by a plenary session of Parliament is a foregone conclusion since he is running unopposed and is supported by all political factions.

In a remarkable break with Indonesia's tradition of government by concensus, however, his vice-presidential nominee is being challenged for the first time by a candidate from outside the ruling Golkar party.

Dr Jailani Naro, chairman of the United Development Party (PPP), is well aware that he has no hope of defeating Mr Sudharmono, the State Secretary and Golkar chairman.

"I don't consider him a rival," Dr Naro said recently. "This is a friendly game."

It is, of course, rather more than that. While the issue will be resolved amicably in Mr Sudharmono's favour, the challenge is symbolic of cautious demands for political reforms in the sprawling archipelago President Suharto has ruled with a firm hand for more than two decades.

The Indonesian Democratic Party (a coalition of nationalists and Christians) and the Muslim-backed PPP disturbed the normally placid proceedings of the five-yearly plenary session by submitting controversial proposals on state policy guidelines. The PPP then forced Parliament to indulge in the unseemly practice of voting on them.

"Voting is a last resort and we lost," a PPP official said later, "but we've shown that democracy is still alive here."

The dissenting parties had called for the lifting of a ban on political parties organizing in rural areas where about 80 per cent of the country's 172 million people live.

It would be wrong to suggest the vague stirrings of discontent in Jakarta reflect any widespread desire for change. The vast majority of Indonesians appear to be content with village life under President Suharto, who has governed through an era of stability and steady economic development in sharp contrast with that of his predecessor.

In any case, room for maneouvre by the minor parties is limited since both were created by the Government and their leadership is subject to approval. This unusual arrangement is part of the state ideology known as *pancasila*, or the "five principles", which include national unity and democracy by concensus.



President Suharto: A past master of political control.

With the 66-year-old President embarking on what is assumed to be his final term, speculation is mounting over whom he will choose to succeed him.

As Vice-President, Mr Sudharmono will play an important role in managing the succession, but he is regarded as an unlikely contender for the top job. At the age of 60 he is not universally popular among high-ranking military officers.

Attention is being drawn to the meteoric rise (under presidential patronage) of General Try Sutrisno, who was appointed commander of the armed forces last month.

General Sutrisno, aged 52, is a leading member of a younger generation of officers.

Said to be a quiet, personable man and a devout Muslim, he was a close personal aide to President Suharto in the 1970s.

Another possible candidate is General Benny Murdani, the former armed forces commander. General Murdani, aged 55, is expected to be given an influential post in an important Cabinet reshuffle later this month.

The PPP hopes that by setting the precedent of two vice-presidential candidates, it may encourage people to consider more than one nominee for the presidency when the time comes.

However President Suharto is a past master of political control who has been compared with the *dalang* (puppet-master) of Javanese shadow-puppet theatre. It is unlikely he will leave the stage to anyone other than his chosen successor.

Quake follows New Zealand cyclone



A scene of devastation yesterday near Hamilton in central North Island, New Zealand, which was hit by an earthquake measuring five on the Richter scale on top of widespread flooding caused by the tropical cyclone Bola. The earthquake shook the landscape but caused no damage to property (AFP reports from Wellington). Nine people are feared dead in the four-day storm and, from Northland to Hawkes Bay, thousands of people from small communities have been forced to evacuate their homes ahead of rising floodwaters. As the cyclone abated yesterday, relief teams began assessing the clean-up job. Thousands of acres of arable land have been devastated by floodwater, and roads, bridges, water supply and communications systems have been either wrecked or severely damaged by the gales and flooding unleashed by Bola. In some areas the floods are being described as the worst of the century.

Korea opposition crisis

Call to go ignored by Kim Dae Jung

From John Gittelsohn, Seoul

Mr Kim Dae Jung, South Korea's best-known opposition leader, refused yesterday to relinquish the presidency of his party, despite a growing chorus of calls for him to resign.

His defiance removes almost all hope of an opposition reunification in time for April's National Assembly elections, a move seen as critical to avoid a sweep by the ruling party.

"It is morally wrong and politically nonsensical to demand my retirement," Mr Kim Dae Jung said after meeting of leaders of his Party for Peace and Democracy.

He has been badgered to step down since his defeat in December's presidential elections, which came after a split with his opposition rival, Mr Kim Young Sam. With the two Kims in a race, the ruling Democratic Justice Party candidate Mr Roh Tae Woo won the presidency with just 37 per cent of the vote. Mr Roh, a former general, was inaugurated on February 25.

As a sign of contrition for his loss, Mr Kim Young Sam resigned as President of his Reunification Democratic Party in February, although he still exercises control over most party decisions. There has been a growing demand for Mr Kim Dae Jung's resignation ever since. "Many people think Kim Dae Jung has become some kind of a jerk by holding on to his national power," said Mr Choi Woon Sang, an adviser to the peace party leader. "For his own sake, he should leave the scene at least for now and then he can be called back."

Mr Kim Dae Jung retains the loyalty of many Koreans, especially those from his native Cholla province, a bastion of anti-government resistance.

A crowd of supporters jammed his party headquarters chanting for him to stay in power. Two men bit their fingers and used their blood to scrawl a message against his retirement.

But criticism of Mr Kim Dae Jung within the opposition has grown, focusing on his self-serving efforts to retain power. Many of his harshest critics were his closest allies during 15 years of imprisonment, exile abroad and house arrest that ended last July when his political rights were finally restored.

It was Mr Kim Dae Jung's stubbornness and his refusal to compromise that made him an international symbol of the South Korean Government's human right abuses. Now, his critics say, the characteristics that once made him a hero are destroying his popularity as well as the opposition chances of overcoming the ruling party's grip on power.

Spy book did not seek total freedom

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

Peter Wright, the author of *Spycatcher*, was not trying to set a precedent that would allow former intelligence officers an unlimited right to document their work, the High Court of Australia was told yesterday.

Mr Malcolm Turnbull, who also represents the book's publishers, Heinemann Australia, said: "This case is not about a widening of the gates of publication by former intelligence officers. It's not about giving Peter Wright unfettered right to publish. It's about one book."

The manuscript of the book came into the hands of the British Government in February 1986, before publication. Mr Wright had asked the Government on numerous occasions to point out any passages of detriment. "But these requests to particularize the detriment, whether confidential matters or not, were all rebuffed," he said.

Mr Turnbull was responding to submissions by Mr Theo Simos QC, for the British Government, which is appealing against a decision by the Supreme Court of New South Wales to lift a temporary ban on the publication of *Spycatcher*.

He claimed that Sir Robert Armstrong, the former Cabinet Secretary who gave evidence at the earlier hearings, "had objections to the book as a whole – what amounted to a total ban on Mr Wright."

Justice Mary Gaudron had questioned Sir Robert's status as a witness "as the spokesperson for the Sovereign responsible for national security." She said: "I do not understand on what basis we should consider Robert Armstrong's evidence any differently from any other witness, as having any greater force."

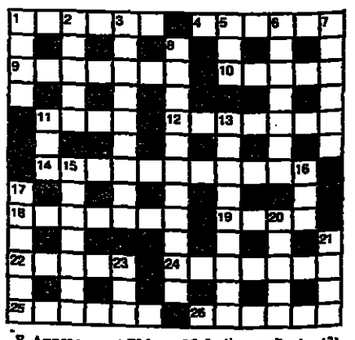
Mr Simos admitted only a small part of *Spycatcher* contained disclosures in breach of Mr Wright's former duty as an intelligence officer. But he insisted that Mr Wright "cannot profit from his wrong".

The Government wants the court to order the seizure of the profits from the book.

Mr Simos said: "There's no legal basis in any context for the view that somehow the conduct by others has given Mr Wright *carte blanche*. It would mean you could never draw the line. It's time to say enough is enough. Mr Wright cannot profit from his wrong."

The hearing will end today and the judges are expected to reserve final judgment for up to six months.

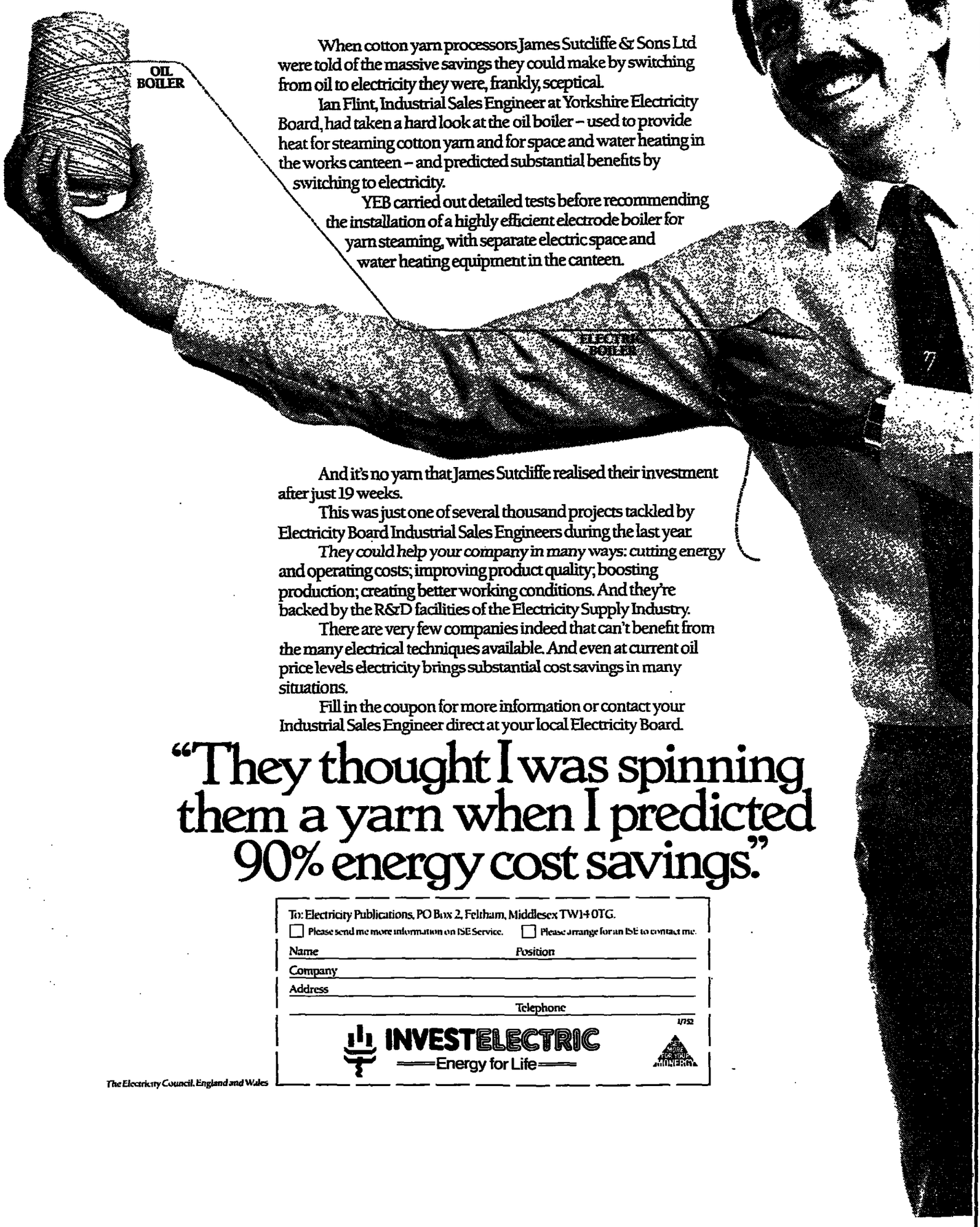
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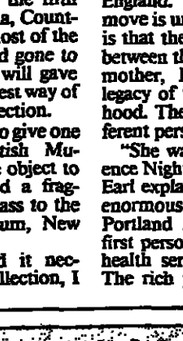


Although Lord Carnarvon and Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun, a court decided they had no claim to the treasures it contained. After the Earl's death, the rest of the Carnarvon collection was sold to the Americans. It was a sad day for Britain, but for the sixth Earl (above), fed up with Egyptology, it meant a return to country house normality. **Bryan Appleyard** reports on how the family finally came to terms with its history

BILL WARHURST of *The Times*



Triumphal march: Howard Carter watches as porters carry a wooden bust of Tutankhamun from the diggings in the Valley of the Kings, where it was discovered in the ante-chamber to the royal tomb in 1923



PHARAOHS' †HOARD†

So the Carnarvon estate was officially deprived of any claim to the treasures of Tutankhamun. And that, for the sixth Earl, was that. Disgusted with the court's decision and bored by the whole subject of Egyptology, he proceeded to unwind his family's connections with the Pharaohs.

Howard Carter had, meanwhile, returned to Highclere Castle to sort out the fifth Earl's vast collection of antiquities. The collection was a mixture of material excavated before the Tutankhamun discovery, pieces purchased by Carnarvon and a few minor pieces from the tomb itself.

This collection had been willed separately to the fifth Earl's widow, Almina, Countess of Carnarvon. Most of the rest of the estate had gone to the sixth Earl. The will gave instructions on the best way of disposing of the collection.

"I would like her to give one object to the British Museum," it said, "one object to the Ashmolean, and a fragment cup of blue glass to the Metropolitan Museum, New York.

"Should she find it necessary to sell the collection, I suggest that the nation — i.e. the British Museum — be given the first refusal at £20,000, far below its value, such sum, however, to be absolutely hers, free of all duties. Otherwise, I would suggest that the collection be offered to the Metropolitan, New York. Mr Carter to have charge of the negotiations and to fix the price."

Carter himself was left an additional £500 cash. Lady Evelyn, the fifth Earl's daughter, was left his pearl stud, his gold cigarette case, £1,000 and all his Bearer Bonds.

In November 1924, Carter sent 1,200 items to be held temporarily by the Bank of England. The reason for this move is unclear. What is clear is that there was no love lost between the sixth Earl and his mother, Lady Almina — a legacy of this unhappy childhood. They were entirely different personalities.

"She was the civilian Florence Nightingale," the present Earl explained. "She had this enormous nursing home in Portland Place. She was the first person to run a national health service single-handed. The rich paid a fortune and the poor paid nothing." In addition, the sixth Earl's anti-Egyptian feelings seem to have been at their peak. Most likely he simply wanted the stuff — her inheritance — out of the house. He was to have nothing more to do with his mother, though his son, the present Lord Carnarvon, was to see her frequently.

Lady Almina, meanwhile, remarried soon afterwards and began an entirely new life. She was possessed of a consuming and reckless generosity. She wanted the money to finance her charity hospital in London. Her impetuosity led her to eventual bankruptcy, with debts of £30,000, in 1951. At her public examination at Bristol she agreed her insolvency was caused by "extravagance and generosity".

So perhaps the greatest private collection of Egyptian antiquities in the world went to the Bank of England, along with a note from Carter listing its contents. The present Lord Carnarvon has recently discovered this note. It is simply a typed list of 1,218 items. But at the bottom there is a handwritten note from Carter.

It reads: "1 small case of pedestals belonging to the above antiquities. A few unimportant antiquities not belonging to the above series I left at Highclere. Howard Carter."

For scholars now, the note raises the complex question of whether Carter really thought the material left behind at Highclere was unimportant.

"I don't think Carter was being sneaky or dishonest," Dr Nicholas Reeves, a curator at the British Museum, says. "He probably simply saw this as study material. He had other things to do — he was still clearing the tomb. And you have to remember he had been exposed for some months to all the extraordinary treasures of Tutankhamun."

In 1927, the collection finally went to the Metropolitan in New York for £50,000. It is uncertain why the British Museum lost it. Perhaps, in the end, the family simply went for the best price, a move that would have made sense to the extravagant Almina. But Carter was also probably keen on the idea. He had long had close links with the Met. It was their team which had helped him immediately after the discovery of the Tutankhamun tomb. Their photographer, Harry Burton, took the astonishing series of pictures of the excavation which went around the world and made Carter's face the emblem of the archaeologist at work. But it was a sad day for Britain.

"That deal made the Met one of the great museums of the world," Dr Nicholas Reeves, a British Museum curator, said ruefully, "it was one of the finest collections of Egyptian art ever put together."

'I don't think Carter was being sneaky or dishonest. He saw this simply as study material'

For the new Lord Carnarvon and the world, the last traces of Egypt had been removed from Highclere. Life returned to its usual country house rhythm of racing and shooting parties. The house was open 10 months a year. In February and March it closed. Lord Carnarvon went on holiday.

"There was never a calendar in the house in those days," the present Earl recalled, "it was always Ascot week or Goodwood, pheasants or partridges."

Robert Taylor arrived to take up the job of first footman in 1936, the year the sixth Earl of Carnarvon's 14-year-old marriage to Catherine Wendell finally ended. In 1939 he married the Austrian dancer Tilly Losch, but that also ended in divorce in 1947. For the remainder of his life he was regularly linked with a variety of potential new wives, but, after Tilly, he remained a bachelor.

"He was a marvellous man to work for," Taylor remembered, sitting on the vast leather chesterfield in the smoking room at Highclere. "Whenever we travelled with him we always went first class. He never talked about Tutankhamun except occasionally he would say the Egyptians had reneged on the contract. And he did say he hadn't got anything left, it had all gone.

"Of course I knew nothing of the family when I first arrived. I had heard about the Tutankhamun discovery — that was the newspapers — but I wasn't really aware of the association at all. It wouldn't have penetrated."

The Second World War called a halt to the long party at Highclere. Staff and the family were called up and the castle was used to house evacuees. Taylor became a hero as a tank commander and returned to the castle in January 1946. The years of austerity followed. The country house life died. Lord Porchester (the present Lord Carnarvon) went to agricultural college, alarmed that the old order was finally about to perish.

"When Winston Churchill was kicked out I was convinced people wouldn't be able to keep land unless they farmed it themselves," he explained. "I was determined to keep the estate together. I wanted to qualify as a farmer so we could farm the estate ourselves. There didn't seem any future in renting out the farms because rental income was taxed so heavily."

Unlike many others, the Highclere estate remained intact. The aristocratic social life picked up in the '50s and '60s. American visitors began to arrive, determined to sample the country house life they had so recently read about in Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited*. Once more the Carnarvon name was regularly in the register at the Ritz and the sixth Earl was in the gossip columns.

In 1972 he even came to terms with his family's past. The great touring exhibition of the Tutankhamun treasures arrived in London, where it was sponsored by *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, and went on to the United States. The story of the find was revived everywhere and Carnarvon became a chat show star with his sporting anecdotes and tales of ancient Egypt, on which he had rapidly mugged up by reading Carter's books.

And it was in that same year, while making arrangements for a party at Highclere, that Taylor had discovered the cupboards between the drawing room and the smoking room.

"The drawing room was closed during the war and there had always been a table across the door so nobody went in," Taylor said. "On that rare occasion the two doors were open and I noticed these cupboards. I opened one and there was this sort of tin cigarette box or something and a lot of tissue paper."

He had opened the tin and found a necklace which, he assumed, was ancient Egyptian. Actually, it was the one thing in the cupboards that was *not* ancient. Dr Reeves was later to identify it as Islamic and relatively modern. But a few bits of antiquity in a cupboard in a house like Highclere did not startle Taylor. He closed the cupboard and thought nothing more of it until July 1987.

TOMORROW

Treasure hunt at Highclere: the extraordinary last chapter in the complex Carnarvon story

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ROUND FIFTEEN — QUESTIONS

1 LOGIC Score 15

If you get your pencil out you can trace the letters of the word ARTS in any order several times. You must always start at the centre "A" and move from square to square in any direction except diagonally. Once you have found one set of letters you count that as one and start again. Remember that A S R T can be rearranged to spell ARTS and so on. How many different routes can you find?

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2 VERBAL Score 17

Use every letter of this sentence once only to find three words closely associated with stars. What are they?

SAVING IS A TREASURE

3 MATHS Score 12

If you look at the following groups of figures you should be able to work out the simple logic which will enable you to discover the value of the question mark.

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4 MISCELLANEOUS Score 13

A clock is correct at midnight but gains 12 minutes 30 seconds per hour. You look at the clock and see that it shows 7.15am. You know that the clock stopped exactly 3 hours ago. What is the correct time now?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE Score 4, 3, 4, 4, 3

1. What was the title of Elvis Presley's first British hit?
2. What is the capital of Surinam?
3. How long was an ancient Greek Olympiad?
4. Who wrote and composed "La Marseillaise?"
5. Which locomotive achieved a record speed of 126 miles per hour on a brake-test run in July 1938?

ROUND 15 — ANSWERS

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SHERIDAN MORLEY

Washington

I have always wanted to start a column like that, with the dateline Washington: it makes one feel like a reporter in a 1930s movie by Ben Hecht or Billy Wilder. I once had a friend whose lifetime ambition it was to start a column with the words Kuala Lumpur, only he could never find anything local to write about after that.

Anyway, I seem to be in the nation's capital in a week when it is quite clear that something extremely important and political and globally meaningful is going on, and I like to feel that I'm at the heart of it. The only trouble is that unlike the distinguished reporter to my immediate right this morning, I can't for the life of me work out what it all means. Somewhere around the country, several hundred thousand people seem to be voting on whether a Mr Bush is going to have to fight a Mr Dukakis or a Mr Gephardt for the next presidency, and I suppose the least we could do by November is learn how to spell their names correctly, unless of course they are planning to become evangelists or go off for Caribbean weekends with bimbos called Donna, in which case we shan't have to bother.

In the meantime, American inventiveness continues to be legendary: they now seem to have developed a soap that can make your hair sing. In the bathroom of the flat, sorry apartment, where two immensely talented television producers have been kind enough to lend me a bed, there is not only a clock radio with an alarm which works under water, presumably in case you want to be woken up with the news while having a bath, but also a brand of shampoo solemnly announcing on the label that it can give your hair both strength and volume.

In the olden days, when failed actors used to kill presidents instead of just becoming them, Ford's Theatre here was where Abraham Lincoln got shot, thereby leading to the tasteless joke about whether his wife had enjoyed the play otherwise. Intriguingly the theatre has now come back to life, though the box where Lincoln was sitting is still wreathed in flags and there's a wonderfully tactful programme note to the effect that the playhouse had to be closed for several decades "due to a national tragedy". Presumably if they said that Lincoln actually got shot there it might deter queues at the box office.

Anyway what the theatre is now offering, with quite superb timing, is a new musical about Elmer Gantry destined I would guess for Broadway and maybe even London, considerably boosted by the large number of latterday Elmer Gantrys currently going noisily mad on all American television channels, not to mention the hustings.

One of several Washington wonders is the underground, known as the Yuppie Line because it runs only through the wealthiest sections of town. It has thick carpets in all the cars and an amazing electrical system whereby lights flash at you from under the platform when an arrival is imminent. Passengers refusing to leave the trains, as they have recently been doing in London for reasons of sheer masochism, would probably only do so here because the comfort of the actual trains surpasses even anything available once you leave the station by way of the open-air escalators which rise into a night sky of often breathtaking beauty.

BARRY FANTONI



'It's beginning to look like a no-horse race'

Waiting backstage and in some terror at the Smithsonian before lecturing to 500 strangers who have kindly if eccentrically paid $10 a ticket to hear my thoughts on the past and future of the British theatre, my eye falls on the only notice pinned to the back wall of the lecture theatre. It reads: "If you are fitted with a pacemaker do not approach within ten feet of the microwave." There is, however, no sign of a microwave.

Are Americans with pacemakers generally in the habit of wandering through the back corridors of their most famous museum searching for a quick hot snack, and if so is this a service which ought to be brought to the attention of the new director of the Victoria and Albert?

An intriguing if depressing lunch with Jeremy Campbell, youthful doyen of the British press corps in Washington, who is now coming up to his seventh presidential election. Sent out here in his early twenties for the 1960 campaign, not as a reward but as a punishment by the Beaverbrook press for having invented with Michael Winner a mythical gossip-column superstar called Venetia Crust, he looks back in elegant and understandable nostalgia to the days when, if you wished to interview John F. Kennedy, you simply took the lift to his hotel suite and knocked. Now, says Campbell, you can't even get into the hotel lobbies without having to clamber over hundreds of secret servicemen and television lighting cameramen, just to get the collected thoughts, or more probably thought, of a plastic media man.

This, thinks Campbell, is going to be a sad election in the sense that good men like Cuomo don't want to run, because they know how difficult it will be to straighten America out over the next four years. As a result, Americans are now voting for men they only vaguely wish to see in office.

Washington

A campaign song of Congressman Richard Gephardt, the Democrat who campaigned on protecting American industry from the Japanese and the Koreans, was "Born in the USA". He lost hugely on Super Tuesday. A campaign song of either Vice-President George Bush, or Governor Michael Dukakis, both of whom campaigned on everything and nothing, could have been "Boring in the USA". Mr Bush won all the states in the Republican primaries and Mr Dukakis a majority of the Democratic.

Everywhere, Americans were to be found who would apologize to us visitors for the tedium of Mr Bush and Mr Dukakis. Probably never before have two front runners for their parties' presidential nominations aroused such torpor. A Bush-Dukakis contest in the autumn loomed as a terrible threat to the Republic. The American political system had survived civil war, the depression, the cold war and Vietnam. Could it survive being rendered comatose by these two crashers?

Yet vast numbers of Americans voted for them on Tuesday. Why? The answer lies in the difference in their attitude towards politicians of people who follow politics and people who, from time to time, just vote. The latter do not insist on their politicians being interesting or exciting. If they are, it is a bonus.

Mr Bush's main rival, Senator Dole, was wittier and quicker in debate. That was why he was popular with the people who follow politics. Mr Bush simply went around identifying himself with President Reagan. That was why he was popular with the people who just vote.

Until setting foot in the United States, especially in the South, the visiting foreigner could not appreciate the full force of Mr Reagan's popularity. Americans as a whole do not dwell on Iran-Contra or the October stock market crash. They prefer to remember the preceding six years of rising prosperity over which Mr Reagan presided and his limitless good nature.

Ah, but the deficit! Quite so. But Americans do not seem to be as worried about deficits as they are constantly told they should be. Did they but know it, they have much respectable authority on their side from Ricardo downwards.

In any case, now that we have all had time to think about it more, it could be that the stock market crash was caused, as much as anything, by the sad, cumulative realization that Mr Reagan's term of office was coming to an end. That is hardly an explanation which could easily be used against him by his opponents.

Mr Bush has been the beneficiary of seven years of Mr Reagan. It did not look like that during the New Hampshire primary campaign after Senator Dole had beaten him in the Iowa caucus. But Iowa is one of the few parts of the country where Mr Reagan is unpopular. Iowans, like farmers the world over, do not believe the government is protecting them enough from the uncertainties of the crops. But in New Hampshire, Mr Reagan is as popular as he is in the South, and for Mr Bush, victory in the one has led unstoppably to victory in the other.

Nor does it look as if Mr Bush's opponents can rely on the Martin van Buren effect — the much-cherished piece of information that no sitting vice-president has been elected president, as opposed to succeeding to the presidency as a result of death from illness or assassination, since 1834.

A more important piece of information is that no other vice-president has campaigned for the presidency without his outgoing president either trying to harm him or doing nothing much to help him (Eisenhower and Nixon in 1960, Johnson and Humphrey in 1968). Mr Reagan is too benign for that. At strategic moments, he will campaign for Mr Bush in the autumn.

Senator Dole is left to fume at what he undoubtedly sees as the injustice of it all. He knows that Mr Bush is no more an inspirational Reagan-like figure than he is. He remembers that, when Mr Bush fought Mr Reagan for the 1980 Republican nomination, the future vice-president described the future president's theories about the nature of capitalism as "voodoo economics", the one phrase of Mr Bush's to enjoy a modest renown. Senator Dole remembers that. Some of the rest of us do. But most voters do not.

"It's name recognition," Mr Dole openly lamented in front of reporters during a chat on the Super Tuesday trail. "It's certainly not anything he's done. There's nothing there. It's being close to Ronald Reagan."

He had a point. "Name recognition" is the key insiders' phrase of this presidential season, as "charisma" and "momentum" were in seasons gone by. A candidate has either got it or he hasn't. Like most such phrases it is another way of saying something obvious. A candidate who is famous, or connected with someone even more famous, is likely to win more votes than someone whom voters have hardly ever heard of.

That is Mr Bush. For seven years he has been on television. This alone ensures him a fame denied to all the other bores in America. But he has also been seen vaguely to be connected with the most popular man in the country. Theoretically, this could mean that a candidate who gets himself named "George Washington" could still sweep the country. Suffice to say that it was good enough to ensure fame for George Bush.

On Mr Dukakis, we should delay judgement for at least a few weeks. His fame, and claim to time on national television, are only a few weeks old. They derive from his victory in New Hampshire. And why did he win New Hampshire? Because he comes from neighbouring Massachusetts. Thus does fame spread.

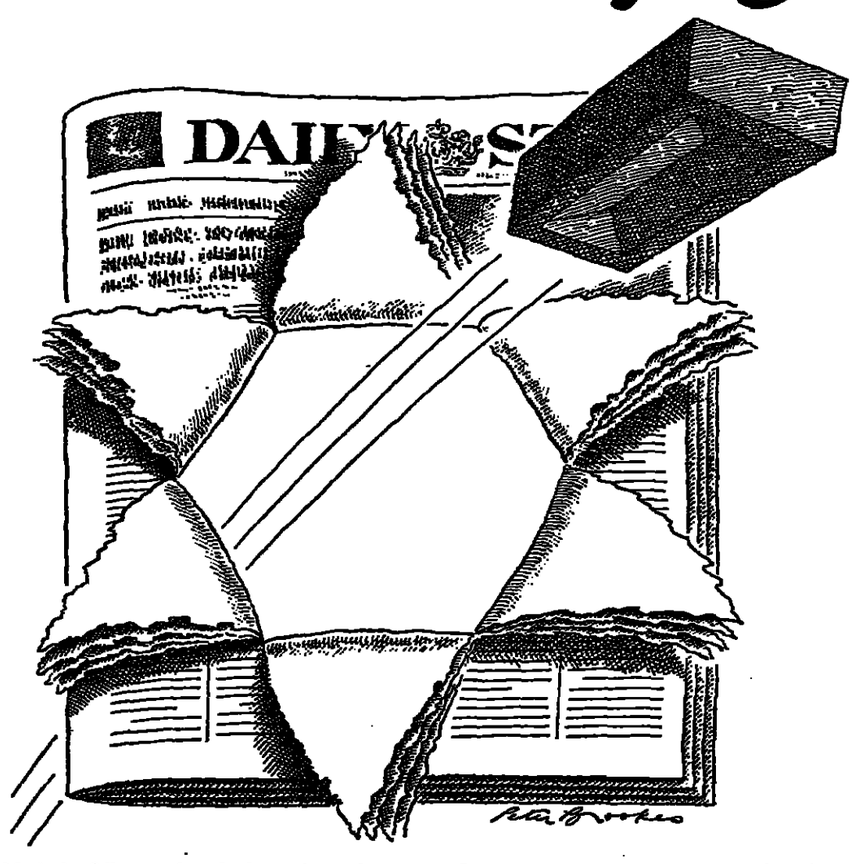
America is about hope. On Super Tuesday, the Rev Jesse Jackson brought new hope to America's blacks — Mr Bush and Mr Dukakis to America's bores.

Frank Johnson reports on Super Tuesday's yawning after

Great bores battle on

Bernard Levin

Loonies we can safely ignore



It was Voltaire who said "If I were accused of stealing the towers of Notre Dame I would make a bolt for it at once." He thus dramatically encapsulated the terrible truth that there is nothing too obviously false for somebody, somewhere, to believe it. He might have added that there is also nothing too plainly inexcusable for somebody to excuse it.

These melancholy thoughts passed through my mind last weekend when I read an item in *The Sunday Times* about the circulation of a broadsheet, designed to look like a newspaper, called *Holocaust News*, the purpose of which is to maintain that the extermination of millions of Jews in the Final Solution never happened, and that the claim that it did is nothing more than the propaganda of a Jewish conspiracy.

I received a copy months ago. Since my normal rule in these matters is to ignore such ravings, I did nothing. There is nothing new about *Holocaust News*; a few years ago a pamphlet appeared, with the title *Did Six Million Really Die?* This was published under a pseudonym, Richard Harwood, the author's real name being Verrall; this, too, argued that only a few thousand Jews died in the camps, mostly of natural causes. (The editor of the new version, Richard Edmonds, a member of one of the Nazified *groupuscules* that split off from the National Front, does go a trifle further, claiming that the deaths that weren't from illness were of those "executed for sabotaging the war effort.")

Charming folk, what? But though I am sorry to give offence in saying so, I cannot take even such pestilent vileness seriously. To be sure, it is widely rooted; there is Professor Faurisson in France, for instance, and the delightful Mr Butz in the United States, and in the Federal Republic there is the *Deutsche Nationalzeitung*, though those in charge of it have to be careful, because denying the Holocaust is an offence there.

Anti-semitism, like other irrationalities, will not be cured by reason; I must add that it will also not be cured by laws. (Copies of *Holocaust News* have been sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.) It must be unnerving for these poor, crazed creatures to find Jews behind every door, plotting to take over the country, and meanwhile putting poison in the milk bottles on the doorsteps of clean-living Hitler worshippers, but there is nothing to be done.

Before the Second World War there really was reason to be concerned about British anti-semitism; Mosley's riff-raff knocked out a good many Jewish teeth, and knocked in even more Jewish windows, and if their heroes and exemplars across the Rhine had won the war — but there is no need to finish that sentence.

I bet nobody but me now remembers Captain Ramsay. He was a Tory MP who was so devotedly pro-Hitler that he was imprisoned under the same emergency wartime regulations that netted Mosley and many of his followers, but he remained an MP. (The detainees were not charged with any criminal offence, so there were no grounds on which he could be expelled from the House.) He was let out, as was Mosley, in 1944, and the first thing he did was to bustle off to Parliament and introduce a Bill that would compel all Jews to wear a six-pointed yellow star on their clothing; I have to say, though I shall give even greater offence by saying it, that it is almost impossible to withhold admiration from a man so monomaniacally consistent.

Ramsay wasn't the worst, either. There was a man called Arnold Leese who attacked Mosley for being *insufficiently* anti-semitic; indeed, he called the Leader "the kosher Fascist". Leese also put his mouth where his opinions were; he advocated the extermination of British Jews. (He was also the leading authority on camel diseases. Well, I suppose somebody has got to be.)

Then there was A.K. Chesterton, who was originally one of Mosley's followers but broke with him and went on to set up an outfit called the League of Empire Loyalists; he lived long enough to gather together many *fascisant* splinters and weld them into the National Front. A very rich South American lunatic, who kept his bath full of walnuts (of which he feared a shortage), made a will leaving his considerable fortune to Chesterton, but it was overturned. (No doubt Chesterton blamed the Jews for cheating him out of his inheritance.)

You wouldn't think it to look at me, but I gave evidence in a court case *on behalf of* Chesterton's Empire Loyalists; (I was there when some of them were beaten up by Winter Garden attendants in Blackpool when they interrupted the Tory party conference, and Aristides Levin, murmuring *"Fiat justitia, ruat coelum"*, described what he had seen. (It did no good; apparently they charged the wrong attendants.)

I am sorry (I seem to be spending this entire column apologizing), but I really cannot get worked up about anti-semitism in Britain today. The truth is that the Nazis demonstrated for all time just what that poison can lead to, and it shocked almost all but the real swine into abandoning it. It survives today only among the swine themselves, the ones who are too mad even to talk to, and — very faintly — the last heirs to the kind of genteel anti-semitism that was rife in respectable 1930s' drawing-rooms.

Leave *Holocaust News* alone; the dead can suffer no more, and the living are in no danger, however much pain such things awake in some of them. And if you want an illustration of the eternal impossibility of getting any sense into the heads of the maddest ones, those heads which seethe and boil with their hate and terror of the peculiar people called Jews, let me tell you a story of my own experience.

Some years ago I was asked to address a very respectable Anglo-German body. After my speech, questions were invited, and it became demonstrably clear that the organization had been infiltrated by a group of die-hard British Nazi supporters. As I was leaving the hall, a mad-looking little man plucked me by the sleeve.

"You're a Jew, aren't you?", he said. I murmured "Why, yes". "Ah," said he, "now the six-pointed Star of David is the Jewish symbol, isn't it?" Longing for a drink, but unable to get through the slow-moving crowd, I conceded his point. "Well," he said, his eyes now glittering, "how can you deny that all the publishers and all the newspapers and magazines and books in this country are controlled by the Jews, when on every page they have put the Star of David?"

I patted him on the shoulder and said I hoped he would feel better in the morning. A few minutes later, with the drink before me, I described my encounter. "What can he be seeing", I asked the company, "to imagine that the Jews are everywhere he looks in any printed page?"

No one could even make a guess, so we agreed that madness is not explicable, and talked of happier things. A few minutes later there was a cry of "I've got it!" from a girl from the German embassy. We turned to her: "Look," she said, opening a copy of a newspaper, "*asterisks*".

It was true; wherever that poor devil saw an asterisk he saw the sign manual of the Jewish Beast, pursuing him everywhere. Do you really want to try to reason with that, or to prosecute those who deny the gas chambers? One day, all people will be wise, enlightened, free of all prejudice, and rational. But while we are waiting for the day, we should remember that Nineveh, too, was a great city wherein were more than six score thousand persons who could not discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle.

Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Calling the tune

Governments are usually most free politically to live by their own articles of faith in the first year of a parliament and Mr Lawson is particularly free to make this Budget his *pièce de résistance*. The Treasury's coffers are brimful and despite the unpopularity of the Government's policies on particular matters (especially the NHS and the poll tax) it maintains its lead over Labour in the opinion polls. This is because there is no disposition to turn Mrs Thatcher out if it means handing power to Mr Kinnock's party.

It is part of ministers' accepted wisdom that the substantial tax-cutting and tax-reforming of this Budget will further bolster the Conservatives' advantage. In the shorter term it will, but in the long run Mr Lawson's tax remissions will be judged on two criteria. Are they equitable? What are their implications for the standards in the public sector which matter to the public?

The Government's articles of faith require substantial tax-cutting at the top and there is quite a lot to be said for this in economic principle even though I doubt whether those who earn between £100,000 and £1 million a year are significantly disposed to work less effectively by present tax rates. But the test of the tax cuts will be how genuinely they benefit the lowest earners who come into taxation too soon and then pay at too high a rate, so that for many there is no proper differential between what they take home from earnings and subsistence on social benefits. It is also important that the net tax burden on low-middle earners should not be neglected, as has tended to happen under this government.

But the broader question underlying the Budget is the relationship between lightening the tax load on individuals and maintaining the standard of public services. At the weekend the Prime Minister gave an insight of startling clarity into her own thinking on the matter. "I read almost every day," she said, "that the Chancellor has a lot of money to play with. The truth is that he hasn't got a penny to give away. It's about how much he takes from the private pocket." Alas, that statement is somewhat deficient in understanding of an historical principle which has always underlain taxation in this country.

It is true that the Chancellor has no money to give. But he also has no power to "take." The money he has is not *taken* by him but *given* voluntarily by the taxpayers through Parliament and has been for over 700 years. It is an equally ancient principle that what the majority decides through its parliamentary representatives to give to the Government for the public good is binding on every individual.

Furthermore, for centuries the taxpayers and/or their representatives have demonstrated a wish to pay for policies they approve of but not for those they dislike. Kings and governments have come to sticky ends for trying to raise money for unpopular causes, but wealth has always been poured out to pay for popular policies, whether medieval wars or contemporary social spending.

Governments can fall for not spending as well as for spending unacceptably. Unfortunately, in adopting the proper principle that the the role of the state should be diminished, this government increasingly tends to give the impression that it thinks any public spending automatically inferior to private spending. Ministers should remember that whereas the public does not want things that can be better run privately to be run publicly (which is why socialism is unpopular) it also thinks that if government runs something of importance, it should be run well without cheeseparing.

Until such time as a parliament elected to do so makes a different arrangement, the public expects the NHS, the schools, universities and public transport systems to be decently run and financed. Public squalor affects the daily lives of people in a way from which no kind of private initiative offers an escape, whether in the appalling conditions on some lines of the London underground to which there is no rational alternative for most users, pot-holed roads which spare the back axles of neither rich nor poor, or sub-standard hospitals in which even Bupa members can end up.

It does not follow that because socialism has given state spending a bad name, private spending is always automatically more thrilling to the public. It depends on the purposes of the spending. Some of it is regarded in essentially the same way as a citizen regards his insurance policy. Economies necessary to combat inflation are not acceptable in better times. The Tory party has always understood the honourable concept of public service. If the Government is seriously interested in a fourth term it must not forget either equity in taxation or the standard of the public services. It is not a question of the Chancellor either taking or giving; it is what the majority of the nation wishes to pay for having done.

SCIENCE REPORT

Nipped in the blood

Researchers in Colombia say they are greatly encouraged by the first trials on human beings of a vaccine against malaria. Dr Manuel Patarroyo and colleagues from the national university say that three out of four volunteers vaccinated were protected to a considerable degree.

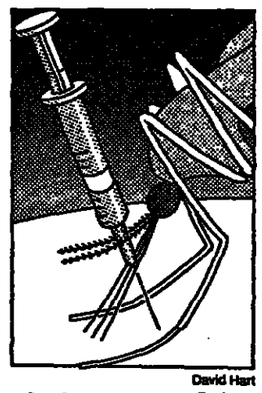
The development, reported in today's *Nature*, is remarkable on two further counts. First, the vaccine, which consists of an engineered protein molecule, is a novel approach to protection against infectious agents that appear in several immunological guises. Second, the trials would probably have been forbidden in many countries because of the risk to the volunteers, who were given malaria parasites and monitored for the extent to which the disease developed.

Despite the seriousness of malaria, estimated to cause a quarter of child deaths in Africa, vaccine development has been slow, largely because of the intricate life cycle of the malaria parasite.

The parasites passed into the bloodstream by mosquitoes in the process of feeding present a distinctive face to the body's immune system.

Once in the blood, the parasites head for the liver, where they multiply rapidly, and emerge in another distinctive form that invades the red blood cells, multiplying further and destroying increasing numbers of cells to cause anaemia, one of the symptoms of malaria.

The changing immunological face of the parasites impedes the search for a vaccine. Immunity to the form injected by mosquitoes will not remove parasites infesting liver cells, red blood cells or the still later blood stages. Worse, the immune system has more difficulty removing parasites concealed within the body's cells.



David Hart

Researchers must also decide which stage of the parasite should be used to generate immunity. The ideal would be to kill all parasites before they reach the liver, but the escape of just one parasite will initiate disease. And defence against the blood stages comes too late, after malaria is established in the liver.

A further complication is that the character of the malaria parasites most easily recognized by the immune system seem unusually prone to change. The result has been to defeat one standard approach to vaccine development: the search for common characters of the parasite that the immune system can recognize.

Patarroyo and his colleagues have solved this difficulty ingeniously. Instead of looking for one key characteristic they have broken up whole parasites and separated them into their component proteins. They then tested each protein's ability to immunize a monkey to malaria, making the active regions from the most successful proteins artificially.

In the hope that these regions would also be active in humans, they linked several of the artificial regions together to make two composite candidate vaccines, testing them in volunteers from the Colombian army, with the help of the country's main military hospital. The volunteers were given the vaccine, followed by parasites, and were monitored for development of malaria. If the parasites grew beyond a given level, the volunteers were treated with drugs.

It is not really clear why the vaccine candidates work as well as reported; one of the synthetic vaccines suppressed malaria almost completely in three of the four volunteers tested.

The linking of several of the active principles into one unit may improve the ability of the immune system to recognize the whole construct and respond to it. It may also be that the constructs generate a response to several of the stages of the parasite.

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PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION

Having sharpened the competitive edge of British industry and imposed a fair measure of reform on the trade unions, the Government is now turning its attention to the professions. That, anyway, is the interpretation which has — loosely, perhaps — been placed on this week's Green Paper outlining a strategy for the further reduction of restrictive trade practices in Britain. As many as 17 professions of one kind or another have so far enjoyed exemption from the laws enforcing competition and fair trading in the market place. That this may now be coming to an end is welcome news.

Previous administrations have sought to free the country from cartels of various kinds. Harold Wilson once tried to make a "bonfire of controls", while James Callaghan, oversaw the publication of a remarkably radical statement of the case *against restrictive* trade practices. With such precedents in mind, Lord Young has a right to expect a wide measure of cross-party support in both Houses. He now plans to rewrite legislation which has been in force since the 1950s — when a previous Conservative government tentatively tackled the problem by requiring any agreements "in restraint of trade" to be registered with the State and tested before a specialist tribunal, the Restrictive Practices Court.

The broad objective now is to introduce a general prohibition on restrictive practices. This will replace the present system, under *which a complaint that any particular practice* is against the public interest, has first to be investigated by the Office of Fair Trading and then become the subject of a successful prosecution, before being upheld. Applied to the provision of goods and most services this action against trade restraint is right.

Taken together the ancient professions of law and medicine, and the more recent ones like engineering and accounting, must be seen as more than organizations to restrict supply and increase their members' incomes. They are, in the best sense, conservative institutions, which have helped to preserve the ethics and standards of their members for many generations. They may therefore be seen as essential monitors of personal conduct and professional values among men and women in whom the public has to place great trust and on whom some people heavily rely.

To talk about "breaking down" professional power is therefore not entirely appropriate. The fact is, however, that professional groups, of which the most obvious examples are solicitors and barristers, conduct their affairs in restraint of trade. Whether there is a necessary connexion between these groups' ethical and disciplinary responsibilities and the protection which they afford from market forces is questionable. To stop estate agents banding together in little local cartels to raise the cost of their services to consumers, is one thing. Here, Lord Young's prescription for strengthening the Office of Fair Trading, with summary powers to act, is appropriate. If his *proposals are to assail the British Medical Association for enforcing* rules governing, say, the advertising of medical services, then they need the most careful consideration.

There seems no reason, however, why a requirement for solicitors to list their charges for conveyancing, or a system for monitoring civil engineers in the way they bid for construction work, should in any way impugn the professional bodies which stand behind the individual practitioner. Neither the British Medical Association nor the Bar Council is entirely innocent of practice "in restraint of trade". The occasional foray into their territory *by the Office of Fair Trading could be useful* — and clearly in the public interest.

As most of those in the professions affected by this week's discussion paper have historically been seen as the Conservative Party's own supporters, this latest declaration of intent says much about the Prime Minister's political courage. It also reflects the confident mood in which she has embarked upon her third term in office.

FROM A FAR COUNTRY

The Chinese Foreign Minister, who arrives in London today, has before him a varied *introduction to Britain which includes* industrial South Wales, Rolls-Royce at Derby and a spot of cultural tourism at Stratford-upon-Avon. The core of his visit, however, will be a full day of talks at Chevening with the Foreign Secretary. If the seclusion of the location permits a degree of frankness impossible in *Whitehall, that is all to the good. Mr* Wu Xueqian and Sir Geoffrey Howe should have some hard talking to do.

Aside from the perennial issue of Anglo-Chinese trade and how to speed to fruition outstanding projects, their agenda will cover two delicate political topics: Hong Kong and Tibet. While these problems appear as different in character as the areas are geographically distant, there are points in common which the leadership in Peking and the Foreign Office in London have preferred, for their own reasons, to coat in diplomatic silence.

The Chinese regard Tibet as an internal matter, and Britain — which helped to draft the words governing Tibet's incorporation into *China 38 years ago — has chosen to accept this.* Hong Kong, in contrast, is acknowledged by both sides to be a matter of mutual concern, although Britain has the last word until the transfer to Chinese sovereignty is complete in 1997. But the distinction is not so clear-cut.

The official description of Tibet's status, "regional autonomy under Chinese suzerainty", is not so very different from the planned provision for Hong Kong's status within China — "one country, two systems" — by which Peking has pledged to leave Hong Kong's political and economic system unchanged for 50 years after the transfer. Moreover, *in the case of Tibet, the pledge of* autonomy has not always been observed as scrupulously as was hoped when its status was agreed. The ravaging of Tibet during the Cultural Revolution is only the most extreme example of the humiliation which Tibet has endured in the past 40 years.

Chinese sources are already denying that there is any equivalence between Tibet and Hong Kong. That denials have been made, however, means that concern has been voiced. The nationalist disturbances in Tibet over the past six months and the way the Chinese authorities have dealt with them will have *done little to assuage it.*

The causes of Tibet and Hong Kong also converge in the extent to which Britain appears prepared to make concessions to Peking. While in Britain, the Chinese Foreign Minister will have every opportunity to put his government's view: in private and in public. Next month, when the Dalai Lama — the religious leader of the Tibetans who fled the country in 1959 — visits Britain, he will have none of these opportunities. He has been expressly forbidden from making "political statements."

This condition for his visit, which has already been condemned as a violation of the International Covenant on Human Rights, appears designed to save China embarrassment. Peking was angered last year by statements made by the Dalai Lama during a tour of the United States which, it said, gave support to Tibetan demands for independence from China. The inference can be drawn that the Foreign Office has sacrificed the principle of free speech for the sake of tranquil relations with China: possibly to safeguard future trade; probably to prevent new difficulties over Hong Kong.

The wisdom of such a move is highly questionable. Coming so soon after the White Paper on Hong Kong's electoral system, which postponed the direct elections many Hong Kong residents believed they had been promised, it suggests that Britain is prepared to placate China even at the cost of cherished democratic principles. The time may come, after 1997, when there is no choice. But that is nine years hence.

FLEXIBLE WORKING

By 1995 Britain's labour force will have *increased by nearly 1 million* over its present level, according to the latest official projections. The total number of people available for work, both employed and unemployed, is now projected to grow from 27.16 last year to a new record total of 28.07 million. This rate of growth is considerably faster than in the Government's last set of projections. In the period to 1991, the labour force is now expected to grow by over 700,000. And the increase will accelerate between 1993 and 1995.

An expansion of human resources in the economy is entirely welcome and reduces the risk that economic growth may run into the buffers or lead to higher inflation because of a scarcity of workers to do the work. But it also means that the economy will have to generate more jobs *simply to keep* unemployment where it is, let alone reduce it further.

Paradoxically, it is believed to be the Government's very success in reducing the numbers out of work which has brought people back into the labour market. When unemployment was over 3 million and rising some *potential workers*, particularly women, were apparently too discouraged by the lack of jobs to start looking for work. Now that the demand for labour is stronger, even though it is highly variable in different parts of the country, these discouraged workers are "getting on their bikes". In the year to mid-1987 the labour force *is now thought to have* grown at double the previously expected rate largely because more people have been tempted into the market.

The overwhelming majority of these extra workers are women. Britain already has a higher proportion of women at work outside the home than most other industrialized countries. But social changes, including gradually increasing child-care facilities, are encouraging more to look for employment. Matching this increased supply of female labour is increased demand, as the old muscle-*based smoke-stack industries contract and* office work expands.

The steady increase in the number of working women complements the slowly increasing flexibility in work patterns. Part-time employment often suits working mothers, and increasingly it suits employers.

Growing flexibility can also be detected in the continuing rapid growth in the number of self-employed. Last year the number of self-employed increased by about 250,000, roughly twice as fast as the recent trend. Many of the self-employed form part of a growing sub-economy of small-scale contractors serving larger employers, who increasingly prefer to buy in goods and services. Britain has a long way to go before it emulates the small-scale entrepreneurs of northern Italy, but the rise in the number of self-employed is a good sign.

Nevertheless, unemployment remains a continuing challenge for the Government. Although the number of people coming off the unemployment register has risen dramatically during the past 18 months, the fall in unemployment recorded by the annual Labour Force Survey is much smaller. Women have taken many of the new jobs and male unemployment, which is often unemployment of the breadwinner, is still high. A gradual trend towards earlier retirement will only nibble at the edges of the problem. The best prescription for a continued reduction in the numbers of jobless is a strong economy. Next week's Budget presents an opportunity to push this forward.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When net closes on tax dodgers

From Mr L. F. Robins
Sir, Perhaps you will allow me, as a former servant of the Inland Revenue for 43 years, to rebut *some of the criticisms contained* in the articles you have recently published about taxation (Spectrum. March 1-4).

What is it exactly that your carping contributors are complaining about? Is it that, as the quoted statistics show, the Revenue is getting better all the time at detecting tax evasion? If so, that ought surely to be a matter of general satisfaction, since the tax cheat is simply robbing the rest of us. I have met many taxpayers, caught fast in the PAYE net, who resent the liberties taken by some of the self-employed and who wish more power to the Revenue's elbow.

Is it then the Revenue's methods? As to this, your contributors ought to know that the odds are in fact heavily stacked *against* the inspector, since, as a general rule, the concealment of business takings can only be inferred from circumstantial evidence of the kind that he finds it difficult to come by. (By contrast, the ordinary citizen will know, merely from his social contacts, where *he* would begin to look for tax evasion in his own neighbourhood).

In these circumstances, the use of limited information to support a general challenge to the veracity of a taxpayer's returns is a prudent practice, amply justified by the discoveries to which it so often leads. It is but a variant of the doctrine laid down long ago by the late Mr Sherlock Holmes, viz., that if one selected 10 names at random from *Crockford's Clerical Directory* and sent each a telegram saying "Fly at once, all is discovered", eight of them would unhesitatingly leave.

Finally, can we please have no more of the humbug implicit in some of the articles, viz., that business acumen or enterprise ought, for some unexplained reason, to attract a dispensation from the tax laws which bind the rest of us. Thus at one point Mr Lester Piggott was referred to as one of the Revenue's "victims" (March 1) whereas as far as I can see he was a victim of nothing but his own cupidity.
Yours faithfully,
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Lee Common,
Great Missenden,
Buckinghamshire.
March 4.

From Mr Henry Toch
Sir, You are quite right in stating (leading article, March 5)
The Inspector of Taxes should never be blamed for the sins of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who exults in the lush undergrowth of complicated tax rules.

In fact the tax rules relevant to this issue are simple. According to the provisions of the Taxes Management Act, 1970 "an omission of income from an income-tax return is *prima facie* evidence of neglect" and similarly any delay of submitting a return beyond the time limit is "neglect" and legally subject to penalty. In other words, the legislation does not provide for an "an honest mistake" by the taxpayer. Similarly, there is no provision for the offence by the Inland Revenue of neglect.

In my view this statutory discrimination between Inland Revenue and taxpayer is at the root of the problems described in your articles. Many accountants gave evidence to the Keith committee on this point. I was told by the secretary to the Keith committee that it was understood and accepted by them.

So all the Chancellor needs to *do is to act on it.*
Yours faithfully,
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March 5.

From Mrs V. A. Haddon
Sir, We read Mr Brewerton's article (February 29) with some interest and relief to know that mistakes can so easily be made in claiming tax relief for students by means of a covenant. The very same thing happened to us.

Our daughter was in her third year at Cambridge when we claimed back the last four payments and made a mistake quoting "gross" for "net", as in your example. We were referred to two cases — Hooper-Williams *v* Steel 1944 and Clack *v* Clack — and instead of paying out on four payments, my daughter only got one.

I wrote complaining bitterly about the general unhelpfulness of the forms which used to be different everytime we applied — we never bothered about them much because we always grouped the claims in financial years and then waited up to three months for repayment. I asked for the dispute to be referred to an ombudsman, if one existed, our tax affairs for the covenant were then transferred to our local tax office in Watford, who were totally helpful.

We feel strongly that the whole system needs a complete review. *One should not have to beg and* plead for something rightly yours.
Yours truly,
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2 Shire Lane,
Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.
February 29.

Checking the decades

From Professor Robert Weale
Sir, Sometimes it is difficult for the layman to apprehend the reasoning whereby professional historians forge links between political events in order to trace them to a First Cause. Your penetrating leader on Czechoslovakia's anniversaries (February 25) is a case in point.

History is on your side when you say that Stalin's man, Gottwald, came to power in 1948 legitimately (incidentally, so did Hitler in 1933). However, I seem to recall that earlier, in 1945, the Allied armies were halted, not by the enemy, but on General Eisenhower's orders, at the Czechoslovak borders, even though they could have liberated Prague before the Soviets arrived there.

Was this due to a moral decision, since we are much concerned these days about wartime morality, or one of expediency? It is just possible that, with the Stars and Stripes in Prague, the Czechoslovak gusto for the Soviets might have been a little less cordial. The reverse is, of course, also possible.

However, not even Eisenhower's reticence need have been a First Cause. Fifty years ago, come next summer, one of your predecessors lent in these columns weighty support to Lord Runciman whose endeavours paved the way for the Concert of Munich.

Yet, sir, not all is black in the realm of memory. I seem to recall that, in 1968, you published with amazing insight a cartoon showing Stalin, then dead 15 years, rising from his grave, his thorny tentacles strangulating what came to be known as the Prague Spring. But you did even better than that, if my memory serves me right: once the Soviets had arrived, you wrote that progress will have been set back in that unfortunate country by some 20 years. Full marks for marrying prescience and precision.

Yours very truly,
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5 Windmill Hill, NW3.

Doubts on GCSE

From the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Strathclyde
Sir, Insidiously but predictably, the opponents of GCSE (and of all other kinds of educational change) are emerging from the woodwork to crush this much needed reform. The usual souffle of assertions about lower standards, intellectual insufficiency, too much or too little rigour, etc, are fed into the imagination of those seeking assurances one way or the other.

You, Sir, bounding smartly on to the conservative bandwagon have added your contribution to Britain's persistently slothful attitudes towards change (leading article, February 23).

Your readers should know that there has been a succession of defeated attempts to broaden the basis of secondary education in England. The aim of reform is simple and civilising. It is to place greater emphasis on learning and understanding and less on academic abstraction and fact-gathering.

Those who continue to defend the status quo should come clean and declare their vested interests. They should at least attempt to excuse this nation's educational shortcomings, its poor scientific and economic performance, its low participation rate in higher education and its declining influence in international affairs.

Your readers may also wish to know that here in Scotland, still part of the United Kingdom, broad-based scholarship of the kind implied by the GCSE and broad-based university entry are thriving, and have been for decades. The Scottish system of secondary and tertiary education, itself continuing to develop, is now to be found in almost every other country in Europe, Asia, America and Australasia.

When will the English wake up and discover that indeed they are the only marcher in step?
Yours faithfully,
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16 Richmond Street, Glasgow.
March 1.

Waldheim affair

From Mr C. M. Woodhouse
Sir, May I add two points to Robert Fisk's report ("Australian commando 'executed in Salonika'," March 3) on my conversation with him.

First, I have no direct evidence that Waldheim was personally involved in the fate of Captain "Bunny" Warren, of Force 133, nor in the massacre of the Italians in Cephalonia. All I can assert is a presumption that, in his position at the German headquarters outside Thessaloniki, he can hardly have been completely ignorant of what was taking place.

Secondly, I am glad to have known Germans of the highest character who refused on principle even to accept commissions from Hitler in the German army (let alone, join the Nazi party), and insisted on serving their country throughout the war only in the lowest ranks.

Much as I honour them, I cannot help wondering if they would have done better not to refuse, because as officers they would have set a moral example which might have put even the likes of Waldheim to shame.
Yours faithfully,
C. M. WOODHOUSE,
Willow Cottage,
Latimer, Buckinghamshire.
March 3.

Britain's quiet 'betrayal' of Tibet

From Mr J. Billington
Sir, March 10 marks the 29th anniversary of Tibet's attempt to assert its independence from Chinese communist rule. The sufferings of this peace-loving nation which has always been ethnically, culturally, and historically distinct *from China, the wholesale* destruction of its culture, the continuing repression of its religious practice and the deliberate swamping of its population by encouraging a large-scale influx of Han Chinese, are now well known.

Religious teaching and practice is still severely restricted and controlled by the Chinese authorities. It is ironic that it was necessary for the Chinese authorities, who stage-managed this year's Monlam (New Year Great Prayer festival) in an attempt to persuade foreign tourists that religious freedom is permitted, had to resort to bribing the monks to attend a ceremony which the monks originally intended to boycott.

When the monks did attend and make their foreseeable protest against this charade, despite heavy troop reinforcements, the Chinese security forces again had to open fire on and kill unarmed monks, exactly as happened last October.

Britain's betrayal of Tibet is a matter for shame. As the one western nation with long historical ties and treaties with Tibet we were in a position in 1959 to lead the world in recognizing Tibet's unique status. Within this last year, both the US Senate and Congress, and the German Bundestag have debated and roundly condemned Chinese suppression in Tibet. Our own Government has remained silent.

Now we learn that the Foreign Office has taken the unprecedented step of requiring the Dalai Lama, than whom no more peace-loving head of state exists, to give an undertaking that he will make no political statements during his visit next month. The reasons are obvious: we must not embarrass the Chinese Foreign Minister, Wu Xueqian, when he visits London this week, nor jeopardize our interests in Hong Kong, nor our trade relationships with China.

The survival of Tibet's unique *and rich culture is an urgent* moral issue. Our Government's failure to debate it, and its attempts to gag the Dalai Lama, are matters of which we as the nation formerly most knowledgeable about Tibet should be deeply ashamed.
Yours faithfully,
J. BILLINGTON,
10 Burton Road,
Repton, Derbyshire.

From Mr. Phuntsog Wangyal
Sir, Andrew McEwen's report (March 4) that "the Dalai Lama has been required by the Foreign Office to give an undertaking that he will not make political statements" shocked me and, I am *sure, millions of people all over* the world.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama is trying to promote understanding for the plight of his people through peaceful means. How can a man such as this be restricted from speaking openly in a free and *modern society like the UK? It is a* tragedy to see any human being deprived of the right to express his views even if he is not so well established and well known as a man of non-violence as the Dalai Lama.

The world needs peace and it needs leaders who devote themselves to achieve peace through peaceful and non-violent means. It needs people like the Dalai Lama who has no hatred even to the Chinese who occupied his country for the last 39 years.
Yours faithfully,
PHUNTSOG WANGYAL,
(Former representative of his Holiness the Dalai Lama),
43 New Oxford Street, WC1.

Young Conservatives

From Mr Andrew Tinney
Sir, Your report on the Young Conservative elections (March 5) unfortunately used the term "moderate" as the current leadership of the YCs uses it, implying that I am an "extremist" for *standing against them.*

As your readers may have read, Young Conservative leaders have consistently opposed Government policy since 1979 and given a useful platform to the parliamentary opponents of the Prime Minister. All those who support Mrs Thatcher's line are categorised as "extremist" by them, including the Prime Minister herself.

The real extremists are those who engage in electoral fraud and bring discredit on the party. No doubt the party inquiry will identify them.
Yours faithfully,
ANDREW TINNEY (candidate for Young Conservatives chairman),
3 Park Court,
Woking, Surrey.
March 7.

Ancient heritage

From Lady Bowyer-Smyth
Sir, It was with something approaching envy that I read in your paper today (February 26) the story of Southwick in Hampshire.

Here in Fordwich we are not in the fortunate position of being owned by a squire, who can refuse "municipal clutter".

Fordwich is a town, one of the smallest in Britain, and *was* thus *the owner of a town hall (now in* private hands). The church is mainly 13th century. Every stone for the building of Canterbury *Cathedral came up the river from* Sandwich and was landed here.

This ancient heritage is being eroded at the rate of 3,000 vehicles *a day, rattling and roaring down* the narrow street.

Cries for mercy to the councils responsible fall on deaf ears. A squire, or even the return of the monks in charge of the quays, would be preferable to our present situation.
Yours sincerely,
VERONICA BOWYER-SMYTH,
Stour House,
Fordwich,
Canterbury, Kent.
February 26.

Unkindest cut

From Mr M. A. Wyldebore-Smith
Sir, I was intrigued to read Mr Browne's letter (March 2), as I had *not seen the report (February 18)* that the Army's new bayonet is to incorporate a bottle opener.

Can one presume that French Army bayonets will be equipped with a corkscrew and that Swiss Army bayonets will have not only a bottle opener and a corkscrew, but also a tin opener, saw, file, scissors, screwdriver and something to prise stones out of horses hooves?
Yours faithfully,
M. A. WYLDEBORE-SMITH,
Moat Cottage,
Truggist Lane,
Berkswell,
West Midlands.
March 4.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 10 1908

Born in Toronto Maud Allan, who died in 1956, created a sensation in London by her dancing of The Vision of Salome. *Our critic describes her dress as daring but others who saw her would have gone rather further than that. She appeared at the Palace Theatre for eight months without a break in 1908. As an actress she appeared at the Court Theatre in 1918 as Salome in Oscar Wilde's play of that name*

PALACE THEATRE

There is *little* doubt that Miss Maud Allan, the dancer who appeared for the first time last night, will make a great success. *If so, she will be the first to rouse* London to enthusiasm with a kind of dancing to which London has never yet taken very kindly — *the dancing of gesticulation and* posture. Certainly, this is the best exhibition — indeed, the only finished exhibition — of this kind of dancing that has been seen here for a good many years; and, as Miss Allan represents it, it is a thing of such interest and beauty that it may even drive high kicking off the stage. Good pantomimic artists we have in plenty, and dancers who have mastered all the steps, and can perform them gracefully and rhythmically; but of this kind of dramatic dancing, in which the arms and hands and shoulders, the whole body, and even the face, are of equal importance with the legs and feet, we have, perhaps, a vague idea that it is "Eastern" *and a little unpleasant,* and so cut ourselves off from a source of great pleasure. Last night Miss Allan performed two *dances; the first was a dramatic* comment, so to speak, on Rubinstein's *Valse Caprice*; the second a realisation of the dance of Salome, inspired, no doubt, by Wilde's play and Strauss's opera, but danced to the music of a modern French composer. It was clear enough during the first dance of the two that Miss Allan had not the secure and definite articulation of steps which used — among many others charms — to rouse our enthusiasm at a neighbouring house; in happy days not long gone by. This may be due partly to the fact that she *dances with bare feet.* It was clear, too, that not all her gestures were carried right through, some being a little finicking and some even a little cramped. At the same time, it was clear that she was a dancer of unusual grace, a pretty fancy, and a wonderful command of expression with the arms and hands. The dance was good, but hardly prepared us for the dramatic force and finished beauty of the Salome dance — a dance of many passions, the mere intoxication of movement to music, allurement, exultation, rage, *fear, despair, even exhaus*tion. Here mere steps were of less account than in the valse; every limb and muscle of the dancer was called upon to takes its part, and every movement was beautiful. There is no extravagance or sensationalism about Miss Allan's dancing; even when crouching over the head of her victim, caressing it or shrinking from it in horror, she subordinated every gesture and attitude to the conditions of her art. It will, perhaps, be fair to the public to say that her dress as Salome is daring; it would be very unfair to *Miss Allan not to add that, like* her performance, it is absolutely free of offence. There is not even the feeling that she is pulling chestnuts out of the fire, so completely is she justified of her art.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 9: Air Vice-Marshal Richard Peirse had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Defence Services Secretary when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Rear-Admiral David Allen had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as Defence Services Secretary.

Mr Justice Pill had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning presented the 1987 Prince Philip Award for the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, attended receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, gave a luncheon and afterwards chaired a meeting for the Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Member of the Court of the Worshipful Company of Fishmonger's, this evening attended the Masters and Clerks' dinner at Fishmongers' Hall.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon presided at the University Presentation Ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall where Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (the Lord Flowers).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Chief Commandant, Women's Royal Naval Service, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace received Commandant M Fletcher, WRNS, upon relinquishing her appointment as Director, Women's Royal Naval Service and Commandant A Larken, WRNS, upon assuming her appointment as Director.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 9: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited Glasgow, and in the morning opened the Kelvin Hall International Sports Arena.

Her Majesty honoured the Lord Provost of Glasgow (the Right Hon Robert Gray) with her presence at luncheon.

In the afternoon Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother opened the new Headquarters of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama.

Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
March 9: Princess Alexandra this morning visited the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and planted a tree to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Reader's Digest Association Limited.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Prince Edward celebrates his birthday today.

Birthdays today

Sir Lawrence Airey, former chairman, Board of Inland Revenue, 62; Mr Edward Bawden, painter and designer, 85; Sir Robert Bellinger, former president, National Savings Committee, 78; Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, 75; Mr Fou Ts'ong, concert pianist, 54; Mr Richard Francis, director-general, British Council, 54; Sir Angus Fraser, former chairman, Board of Customs and Excise, 60; Sir Samuel Goldman, civil servant, 76; Sir Charles Groves, conductor, 73; Sir Charles Hardie, chartered accountant, 78; Lord Havers, QC, 65; Mr Terry Holmes, rugby player, 31; Mr Hugh Johnson, wine expert, 49; Mr Michael Montague, former chairman, English Tourist Board, 56; Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Robson, 86; Sir Michael Straker, chairman, Northumbrian Water Authority, 60; Dame Eva Turner, prima donna, 96.

Upper Chine School, Shanklin, Isle of Wight

Scholarships and Awards:
Sixth Form (Internal) Major Scholarships: Sarah Brolly, Lucy Goodridge, Emma Parker. Minor Scholarships: Lisa Burgess, Eleanor Parry. Drama Scholarship: Phoebe Woodfine. Merit Award: Kate Samuelson.
Junior (10 - 12 years) Minor Scholarship: Rowena Hay.
Junior (12 - 14 years) Major Scholarships: Joanna Farquhar (Hordle House), Sara Kelly (Convent of the Holy Family, Littlehampton).
Exhibitions: Sophie Miller (Bournemouth Grammar School), Sophia Westgate (Sibton Park). Music Award: Rachel Redman (Nevill Holt). Music Exhibition: Yvonne Newton (Talbot Heath). Merit Award (Internal) Alix Elvin, Rebecca Smith.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Marcello Malpighi, physiologist, Cravalcore, Italy, 1628; William Etty, painter, York, 1787; Tamara Karsavina, prima ballerina, Leningrad, 1885; Arthur Honegger, composer, Le Havre, 1892.
DEATHS: Guiseppe Mazzini, Italian patriot, Pisa, 1872; Sir Charles Thomson, naturalist, Bonsyde, W Lothian, 1882; David Beatty, 1st Earl Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet, London, 1936; Mikhail Bulgakov, dramatist and novelist, Moscow, 1940; Frank O'Connor, short story writer, Dublin, 1966.

The Prince of Wales (acceded to the throne as Edward VII, 1901), married Princess Alexandra of Denmark in St George's Chapel, Windsor, 1863.

Shire horse show

The date of the National Shire Horse Show is March 19, not this Saturday, March 12, as stated recently in *The Times*.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a tennis exhibition at the Queen's Club at 3.00 to mark the celebration of the centenary year of the Lawn Tennis Association; and will give a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.00 for the winners of The Queen's Awards for Export and Technology.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, will attend the twentieth National Expedition Conference of the scheme at the Royal Geographical Society at 9.45.

The Princess Royal, Patron of the Association of the Combined Youth Clubs, will attend a luncheon given by the association at the Savoy Hotel at 12.30; and, as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will open the new occupational therapy department at the London Hospital (St Clements), Bow Road, at 2.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, President of the Royal London Society for the Blind, will attend a reception to mark the 150th anniversary of the society at the Mansion House at 6.25.

Princess Alexandra will open the new police station at Peckham at 2.30.

Recital

English-Speaking Union
Miss Nuala Willis, mezzo-soprano, and Mr Courtney Kenny, piano, gave a recital of songs and piano music by George Gershwin in aid of the English-Speaking Union Appeal at Leighton House last night. Mr Michael Wynne-Parker, chairman of the appeal, proposed a vote of thanks.

St George's School, Ascot

Following the Entrance Examination for the 11+ age group the following girls have been offered Scholarships to St George's School, Ascot: Catherine Baulk (St Joseph's Convent, Gravesend) and Caroline Waring (Upton House School, Windsor).

Appointments

Captain Roderick William Kennett Stirling to be Lord-Lieutenant, Highland Region (Districts of Ross and Cromarty and Skye and Lochalsh) in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir John Osler Chattock Hayes, who will retire on May 9.

Mr Michael Rowarth, Principal of Newcastle upon Tyne College of Arts and Technology, to be President of the Association of Principals of Colleges.

Dr George I Igler to be Director of Studies of the European Business School in London.

Miss Anne McGuinness to be a consultant in Accident and Emergency at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, north London.

New office buildings threaten small towns

By John Young

The spire of a handsome Victorian church, once a landmark in Horsham, west Sussex, and now about to be surrounded by a massive new complex of office buildings, is symbolic of what is happening to many of Britain's country towns.

There is increasing concern that the sort of comprehensive redevelopment that destroyed the old city centres in the 1960s and 1970s is now threatening the character of smaller market towns and cathedral cities.

The architecture may have improved somewhat, but the scale of the new buildings is seen as out of sympathy with their surroundings.

The threat is most acute in southern England where, since a virtual halt has been imposed on the further expansion of new towns and designated growth centres like Basingstoke, Andover and Swindon, more and more large firms are seeking to relocate in salubrious rural areas within easy reach of London.

Horsham is a typical example. Less than a generation ago it was little more than a market town and shopping centre for a wholly rural hinterland, while deliberate growth centred upon the thriving new town of Crawley, half a dozen miles away.

But big business has arrived. Large office blocks overlook old coaching inns and handsome Georgian houses. Traffic is diverted along sweeping new bypasses. The present population of 30,000 is to rise to more than 50,000 by 1996.

The new scheme has been put forward by the giant Sun Alliance insurance group, already the town's largest white-collar employer. Together with a new shopping complex and road improvements, it forms part of a £65 million development, which will make the town still more unrecognizable to those who knew it of old.

The district council clearly welcomes these changes; its official guide refers to Horsham's "exciting future." The Horsham Society, which has links with the Council for the Protection of England and the Civic Trust, seems resigned to the inevitable.

But the proposal to demolish all but the spire of St Mark's, and hem it in on three sides has, it seems, stirred local feelings.

More than 12,000 people have signed a petition against the scheme, and both the Council for the Care of Churches and the Chichester Diocesan Advisory Council have urged that the church be preserved, if necessary in new use.

One plan has already been put forward to convert it into a shop. But even that compromise with Mammon has been rejected by the council, which says it would stand in the way of a new dual carriageway underpass.



Princess Alexandra with Michael Randolph, editor-in-chief of *Reader's Digest*, after planting a Californian laurel tree at Kew Gardens yesterday. The laurel was the last of 50 trees given by the magazine to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary and to replace some of those destroyed in the hurricane last October. The magazine has also given a crocus carpet containing 1.6 million bulbs, representing its circulation (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Dinners

Holborn Law Society
Mr William Bankes, President of the Holborn Law Society, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Connaught Rooms. Mr Denys Henderson was the guest of honour. Others present included:
The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern, Lord and Lady Templeman, Lord and Lady Butterworth, Lord and Lady Goff of Chieveley, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, the Solicitor General of Victoria, Australia, the President of the Law Society, Mrs Bankes and Mrs Henderson.

British Cable Makers Confederation
Mr Leopoldo Sansone, President of the British Cable Makers Confederation, was host last night at the annual dinner at Plaisterers' Hall. Among the guests were: Mr G A W Blackman, the Hon Geoffrey Wilson, Mr R Williams, Sir James Morrison-Low, Mr R Klausen, Mr R Priddle and Mr Gerald Howarth, MP.

Lord Mowbray and Stourton
Lord Mowbray and Stourton presided at a dinner of the Primrose League held last night at the House of Lords. Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson, MP, was the principal guest and speaker.

Cornhill Club
Mr Ian Richardson presided at the annual dinner of the Cornhill Club held last night at the Brewery, Chiswell Street. Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, was the guest of honour and principal speaker and Mr Mark Wood and Mr D.J. Mills also spoke.

St Stephen's Constitutional Club
Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner given by St Stephen's Constitutional Club at 34 Queen Anne's Gate last night. Mr Stephen Welsh, chairman, presided. Mr Christopher Meyer, vice-president, and Mr Nicholas Twilley, political secretary, also spoke.

Reception

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a reception held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Overseas Delegates of the thirty-seventh Parliamentary Seminar 1988 of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon C.M. Dodson and Miss K.L. McKelvain
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Lord and Lady Monk Bretton, and Karen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B.J. McKelvain, of Fairfield, Connecticut, United States.

Mr R.J. Whitcombe and Miss S.E. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and the Hon Mrs P.A. Whitcombe, of Churt, Surrey, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.O. Roberts, of Churt, Surrey.

Captain S. Thornhill and Miss S. Paget
The engagement is announced between Simon Thornhill, Scots Guards, younger son of Mr Thomas Thornhill, of Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, and Mrs Patricia Thornhill, of Atlanta, Georgia, and Susan Glynne, youngest daughter of Sir John and Lady Paget, of Haygrass, Taunton.

Mr R.G. Curran and Miss M.A. Ewart
The engagement is announced between Rory, elder son of the late Mrs E. Curran of Staffordshire, and Mary-Anne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John B. Ewart, of Bexhill and Chichester, Sussex.

Mr M.T. Dobell and Miss V.J. Dicks
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs J. Dobell, of Sheer Hazel, Tushingham, near Whitchurch, Shropshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.C. Dicks, of Pear Tree Cottage, Weston Favell, Northampton.

Mr D.M. Fletcher and Miss A.C. Driscoll
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs K.E. Fletcher, of Dulwich, and Anna, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel P.J.L. Driscoll and Mrs Driscoll, of Twickenham.

Mr C.P.L. Francklin and Miss V. Douglas-Pennant
The engagement is announced between Liell, elder son of Commander and Mrs Philip Francklin, of Gonalston Hall, Nottinghamshire, and Venetia, daughter of the late Mr Henry Douglas-Pennant and of Mrs Henry Douglas-Pennant, of Wolford Lodge, Honiton, Devon.

Mr N.L. Galle and Mrs J.M. D'Angelo
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Lee Galle, of New York and Longboat Key, Florida, and Jeannette M. D'Angelo, of Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Mr M.C. Hurst and Miss L.I. Overend
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr P.W. Hurst and the late Mrs Pauline Hurst, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Louise Ingrid, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.L.M. Overend, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.T.H. Jones and Miss J.M. Blazeby
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Nigel T.H. Jones, of Clifton, Bristol, and Jane, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs James J. Blazeby, of Salcombe, South Devon.

Mr M.F. McWilliam and Miss A.D. Boon
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs M.D. McWilliam, of Dulwich, London, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F. Boon, of Highgate, London.

Mr D.B. Manning and Mrs P.M. Chambers
The engagement is announced between David Brown, elder son of Mr and Mrs W.G. Manning, of Magheramason, Londonderry, and Penelope, only daughter of Dr and Mrs W.R. Maxwell, of Lisvane, Cardiff.

Mr T.C.C. Meikle and Miss I.K.Q. Woodhouse
The engagement is announced between Thomas, only son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Meikle, of Wick, Pershore, Worcestershire, and Isobel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Woodhouse, of Wonersh, Surrey.

Mr R. Rees and Miss K. Sarra
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. Rees, of Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire, and Kate, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Sarra, of Taunton, Somerset.

Mr G.E.G. Riddick, MP and Miss S.L. Northcroft
The engagement is announced between Graham, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.J. Riddick, of Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxford, and Sarah, daughter of Mr G.B. Northcroft, MBE, FRCS, and Mrs Northcroft, of Chipstead, Kent.

Mr A.C. Wright and Miss C.M. Sanders
The engagement is announced between Andrew Clarkson, son of Mr and Mrs Neville Wright, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Claire Michele, younger daughter of Mr Michael Sanders, of Kennedy Road, Hong Kong, and Mrs Diana Sanders, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.J.G. Wright and Miss S.D. Heneage
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs David Wright, of Oxford, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Heneage, of Wanstrow, Somerset.

Marriages

Mr G.H. Prichard and Miss H. Milton-Thompson
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 5, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Wimbledon, between Mr Guy Hesketh Prichard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Francis Prichard, of Oxford, and Miss Helena Milton-Thompson, eldest daughter of Surgeon Vice-Admiral and Mrs Godfrey Milton-Thompson, of Pool Hall, Menheniot, Cornwall. The Chaplain of the Fleet, the Ven N.D. Jones officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Dermot O'Connor was best man.

A reception was held at the Winchester House Club.

Mr C.J.L. Samuel and Miss A.O. Ingham
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 5, 1988, at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, between Mr Christopher Samuel and Miss Alison Ingham.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Caroline Ingham and Miss Katharine Samuel. Mr Richard Samuel was best man.

A reception was held at Ironmongers' Hall.

OBITUARY

DR KURT KIESINGER

West Germany's "Great Coalition"

Dr Kurt Georg Kiesinger, who died yesterday aged 83, was the leader of West Germany's "Great Coalition" of Christian Democrats and Social Democrats from 1966 to 1969.

This singular alliance, under a man of old-fashioned *charm* and "silver-tongued" oratory, proved to be not the least successful government of the Federal Republic. It was marred by flames of student discontent in a time when the youth of most Western countries were inclined to take to the streets. Kiesinger's record as a minor Nazi did not help to endear him to the young.



After losing to Willy Brandt in the *1969 election* he was eased into the dignified but powerless position of honorary chairman of the Christian Democrats (CDU). Since the formation of the Great Coalition had been the result of parliamentary manoeuvring, he therefore enters the history books as the only Federal Chancellor never to have won an election.

With his oratorical gifts and good looks, Kiesinger was plucked in 1966 from the relative obscurity of the premiership of Baden-Württemberg as a compromise candidate acceptable to both the CDU and their allies the Christian Social Union (CSU). It then proved, to the suprise of many, to be possible to link up with the Social Democrats (the SPD).

In domestic policy, the coalition restored confidence and dynamism to the temporarily stalled West German economy. In foreign policy, it quietly initiated the process of pragmatic "opening up" to the East, which was to be extended more dramatically in the Socialists' *Ostpolitik* of the 1970s.

Yet neither of these successes was the particular personal achievement of Kiesinger. The economic rally was the work of an unusual partnership between two extremes: the SPD Economics Minister, Schiller, and the CSU Finance Minister, Strauss. It was a performance, wits remarked, with words by Schiller and music by Strauss.

In the government's last year, Kiesinger did not manage to push through the revaluation of the *Deutschemark* which the very success of the economic recovery had made urgently necessary. That was left to his successor as Chancellor, Brandt, who as Foreign Minister in the Kiesinger government was largely responsible for the first steps to *Ostpolitik*.

Not an exceptionally humble man, Kiesinger did not succeed in establishing an amicable working relationshp with all his cabinet colleagues.

His considerable powers as a tactician and conciliator were, nonetheless, used to good effect in securing a compromise on the so-called Emergency Law, granting the government special powers. In a Bundestag where memories of 1933 were still fresh, this could easily have become a point of furious controversy within a coalition.

It was the passing of the Emergency Law and the apparent fruitlessness of opposition inside the Bundestag that led to a rapid growth of an "extra-parliamentary opposition" on the streets.

Born in the Swabian town of Ebingen in 1904, of a middle-class family, Kiesinger read law at the universities of Tübingen and Berlin, before entering legal practice in Berlin in 1935. Like so many of his profession, he joined the Nazi Party in 1933 and remained a member throughout the Third Reich, also working as a liaison officer between the Foreign Office and the external services of the Reich Broadcasting Company. While the Social Democrats did not regard this record as an insuperable barrier to serving under him, it left a sour taste in various parts of Europe, not only among the young.

His post-war political career began when he entered West Germany's first parliament in *1949, in the days of Adenauer*. His adept speeches attracted notice, and he hoped, in 1957, when the Foreign Ministry became vacant, that he would get the job. He didn't get it, and he retired, not without pique, to take over the premiership of his native *Land*, Baden-Württemberg, where he remained until the call to Bonn in 1966.

After his defeat in the 1969 election, which he had run very *much as a personal* contest with Brandt, his own party made it clear that he would not be their candidate for Chancellor next time round. After a last, polished but pathos-laden performance at the 1971 party congress he stepped off the active political stage at the age of 67, although he remained a member of the Bundestag until 1980.

MR GEORGE HOLE

Mr George Vincer Hole, CBE, first chief executive of the British Airports Authority when the Labour Government established it in 1965, died on March 7 at the age of 78.

He was a remarkable example of a man who took himself to the top of the tree in the Civil Service the hard way. Educated at Wilson's Grammar School, and with an *external degree from the* London School of Economics, he joined as an executive officer, *then passed the First* Division examination of the Civil Service in 1935, one of the very few internal candidates to do so.

When the war came in 1939 he transferred to the Ministry of Transport (later War Transport). His work was concerned *with the Allied merchant fleet*, and it earned him decorations from the Netherlands and Belgium.

After the war, as Assistant Secretary and then Under-Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, he dealt with shipping, road transport, highways and civil aviation, always in an inventive and highly individualistic style. This led on to the Airports Authority post, which he held for seven years of notable growth.

After retiring from the BAA he became a consultant on airport affairs to the International Civil Aviation Organization and a director of a Scottish firm of consulting engineers.

In his private life George Hole had indeed always been very much the entrepreneur. He would buy properties, in this country or abroad, improve them, often with his own hands, and demonstrate a Midas touch in the process.

For a time he was honorary treasurer of the Caravan Club, which benefited from his property sense.

He is survived by his wife Trauti and two sons.

KYLIE TENNANT

Kylie Tennant, one of the most popular and respected of Australian realist novelists of this century, died in Sydney on February 28, at the age of 75.

Her novel *The Battlers* (1941), which was reissued in Great Britain in 1966, was her best known work, and received the gold medal of the Australian Literary Society. In her own country she had a *long reputation as a lecturer*, as a public servant in liberal causes — and not least as a personality.

Kathleen Tennant was born at Manly, near Sydney, on March 12, 1912. She acquired the nickname of Kylie, an Aboriginal word meaning boomerang, in childhood, and it stuck. She was educated at Brighton College, Manly, which she left at 16.

Feeling herself a "complete outsider" (as she put it), she worked variously in children's broadcasting, in a shop, on a *chicken farm and as a student* of psychiatry for a year at the University of Sydney. There *followed a period of hitch*-hiking and train-jumping.

In 1932 she married Lewis C. Rodd, a school teacher. There were two children of the marriage, a daughter and a son (who pre-deceased his parents). Her husband died in 1979.

Kylie Tennant took up full-time authorship in 1935, the year in which she published her first novel, *Tiburon*, a study of a small town in New South Wales during the *Depression. It won the S H* Prior Memorial Prize and a certain notoriety amongst the polite readership for its many swipes at things they held sacred, such as local politics and bureaucracy.

Foveaux (1939), a similar sort of book followed. Then came *The Battlers*, more of a celebration of the vagabond streak in Australian society than a truly orthodox work of social realism. Her desire to *improve society was at odds in* her with her almost Brechtian celebration of its rougher elements and her conviction that human nature was not likely to change.

Five similar novels followed, of which perhaps the most successful was the characteristically entitled *The Joyful Condemned* (1953), a depiction of Sydney society from the vantage of a medical student (as she had been). This had to wait 15 years to be published in its full version, as *Tell Morning This*.

There were also short stories and some plays for young people.

Kylie Tennant, in her own words, resumed her full-time writing career towards the end of the '60s with a biography of the Australian Labour leader Herbert Evatt: *Evatt: Politics of Justice*. In *The Australian Essay* (1968) she collaborated with her husband. *Australia: Her Story* (1953, revised 1964) is a popular history. *All the Proud Tribesmen* (1960), an *account of the* Aboriginals for children, won the Children's Book Award.

Kylie Tennant was noted for the enormous and zestful research she put into her work, both fiction and non-fiction: she travelled for months with the unemployed in the 1930s, lived in a slum and even arranged to be sent to prison.

Her oft noted slapdash writing and lack of psychological penetration — against which Patrick White reacted — are compensated for, in her best books, by her zest for life, humour and, above all, by her affection for the human race.

DIVINE

Divine, the 21-stone drag artist who has died in Los Angeles at the age of 42, won a cult following through his appearances in American underground films.

Once voted "the filthiest person alive," Divine built his reputation on the ability to shock. But it was, he claimed, part of a calculated assault on what he saw as American materialism and hypocrisy.

He always disliked being labelled a transvestite and insisted that cha-cha heels and thigh-splitting spandex dresses were purely "work clothes" designed to make people laugh.

He was born Harris Glen Milstead and started his career as a hairdresser in Baltimore, Maryland. The film director John Waters, who had been at school with him, devised his professional name.

Made during the 1970s, the Waters/Divine films were deliberately raucous, crudely made and sexually explicit but achieved a critical respectability as a searing portrait of a sick society.

They included *Desperate Living*, a tale of rape, murder and cannibalism, and *Female Trouble*, in which Divine played a delinquent schoolgirl who is violated by a truck driver and ends up in the electric chair.

More recently he had played male roles, as in the 1986 film *Trouble in Mind*, while his latest picture, *Hairspray*, though directed by Waters, took him closer to the Hollywood mainstream. A nostalgic look at Baltimore in the early 1960s, it was released in America last month and has been a commercial and critical success.

Divine was also a night club performer and made several records, including "You Think You're a Man" and "Walk Like a Man" — which helped to popularize the "hi-energy" style in rock music.

THE EARL OF YPRES

The Earl of Ypres, who died on March 4, at the age of 66, was the grandson of Sir John French, 1st Earl, who was Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force in France from 1914 to 1915.

The 3rd Earl's military career was more modest, consisting of service as a captain in the King's Royal Rifle Corps during the Second World War.

A Wykehamist, he also went to Trinity College, Dublin. He had a chequered career.

In 1970 he achieved notoriety when he pawned family heirlooms — decorations, ceremonial swords and mementoes — presented to his grandfather. His uncle, the 1st Earl's second son, redeemed them, and also gained a court order preventing the 3rd Earl from publishing the French diaries.

He was declared bankrupt in 1971. A life of petty vexations followed, in which stints as taxi driver and hotel porter were interspersed with court appearances.

He was twice married. There were three daughters of the first marriage and one daughter of the second. There is no heir to the title.

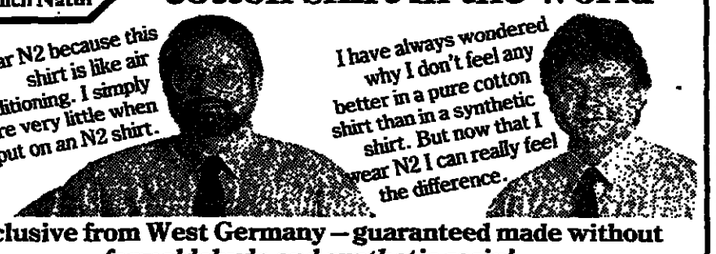
Mr William Mervyn Sharpe, CBE, formerly actor Sergeant-Major Basset and Sharpe and Sharpe, died at £346,

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the Lord: that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt. Jeremiah 25 : 7

BIRTHS

BLUFF - On March 6th, to Liz and Martin, a daughter, *Atalanta Amanda Elizabeth*.

BRUCE - On March 4th, to Suzanne and Mark, a daughter Nadine Beatrice, a sister for Aimee and Alexis. Grateful thanks to staff at Shotley Bridge Hospital.

CAMERON - On March 6th 1988, to Isobel (née Collier) and Andrew, a son, Alec.

GOODWAY - On March 7th, to Catherine (née Morgan) and Christopher, a son, Rupert Henry, a brother for Charles.

JACKSON - On March 4th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Valerie (née Edwards) and Roger, a daughter Rosalind.

JEFFREY - On February 13th to Marion (neé Roach) and Richard, a son Edward Alexander John.

JONES - On February 10th, to Charmian and Hume, two sons, Geoffrey Charles Philbs and Theodore George Crossland, brothers for Edward. Charmian and Augusta.

LACON - On March 3rd, at Cambridge, to Susannah (née Downie) and David, a daughter, *Caroline Louisa*, a sister for Eliza.

LOWES - On March 7th, to Caroline and David, a son, William Peter, a brother for Arabella.

MATHER - On March 5th, in Toronto, to Candise and Nicholas, a daughter, Hayley Eve.

McGRATH - On March 8th 1988, to *Sharon (née Harber)* and Brendan, a daughter, Rebecca Mary, a sister for Adam.

MILNE - On March 4th 1988, to Lesley (née Dunn) and Nicholas, a daughter, Emma Katherine.

MORGAN - On February 26th, at Princess Mary's Hospital, RAF Halton, to Sarah (née Mackenzie) and Charles, *a son, Michael George Maxwell*.

MUNCASTER - On March 8th, in Saudi Arabia, to Catherine (née Holford) and Peregrine, a daughter Harriet Mary.

O'NEILL - On March 6th, 1988, at Portland Hospital, to Judy and Kevin, a daughter, Chelsea Anne.

STUBBS - On February 27th, 1988, to Sarah (née Wade) and Peter, a daughter, Emily Sarah.

WALTER - On March 4th, in Lincoln to Fiona (née Gray) and Giles, a daughter, Camilla Victoria Kate.

WISDEN - On March 5th, at Canabridge, to Vera and William, a daughter.

DEATHS

ALERS-HANKEY - On Monday March 7th, 1988, at home, Lavender, widow of Richard Lyons Alers-Hankey, mother of Andrew and grandmother of Katie and Victoria. Funeral on Tuesday March 15th, at 2pm, at Selehurst Church, E. Sussex.

ARAPIS - On March 8th, at The Thames Valley Hospice, Windsor, Antonie (Tony), late of The S. G. Embiricos Shipping Company. A dearly loved brother, uncle and great-uncle. Funeral service at The Greek Orthodox Church, Docks, Cardiff, on Monday March 14th, at 1.45 pm. Afterwards gentlemen only to Western Cemetery at 2.45 pm. Many thanks to The Hospice staff, for their wonderful care and attention. Donations in lieu of flowers, to The Thames Valley Hospice, Hatch Lane, Windsor. A Memorial service will be held in London at a later date.

BOUCHER - On March 7th, aged 90, Tom Boucher, one time craftsman demonstrator in The School of Silversmithing, Royal College of Art. Funeral service on Friday March 11th at 12 noon, Woolton Crematorium, Isle of Wight.

CONNOR - On March 8th, peacefully at home, Clarice Eva, *widow of Major* Daniel George Connor, mother of Jean, Michael and Elizabeth. Grandmother of William and Sally. Requiem Mass at St. Swithun's Church, Waverley Road, Southsea, 11.30am, Tuesday March 15th, followed by Interment at Milton Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if so desired to Across Trust, Crown House, Morden, Surrey.

CARADOC EVANS - On March 8th 1988, peacefully after a long illness, at his home, Bodvor, The Esplanade, Penmaenmawr, and formally of Conwy, North Wales, Dr John, aged 90, much loved husband of Olwen. Funeral service at Colwyn Bay Crematorium, on *Friday March* 11th, at 2pm. No flowers. Donations if desired for The Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust, 40 Grosvenor Crescent, London, SW1X 7EH. Further enquiries to A C Lambert & Son, Funeral Directors. Tel: 0492 81072.

COLIN - On March 7th, suddenly in *hospital, Alfred (Inky)*, aged 93. Formerly Chairman of Colin & Shields Ltd. Beloved husband of Janie, loving father of Enid and Anthony and a *much loved* grandfather and great grandfather. Service on Monday 14th March at 3.30pm at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Flowers to E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. *Donations, if desired, to R. Richardson, British Legion, Lamberhurst and Bayham Branch for Hollybank, Lamberhurst, Kent.*

COLLINS - On March 8th, John Alan Spencer, beloved brother of Greta, and Uncle of Sarah and Amanda. Funeral private. 'No letters please'. Donations if wished to the Cardio Vascular Research Unit, St. Marys Hospital, Paddington, London, W2.

CORBETT - On Monday March 7th 1988, Robert Hugh Swan Corbett, *dearly loved husband of Rita and father of Mary, Robert and Daniel.* Funeral Service at saint Peter's church, Boughton Monchelsea, Monday March 14th at 12 noon. No letters please, cut flowers only to AW Court Funeral Director, Headcorn Rd, Ulcombe, Maidstone.

DAVIES - On March 4th 1988, suddenly at home, George Anthony, aged 61 years.

DRAKE - On March 6th, peacefully, Rodney, very dearly loved husband of Molly and beloved father of Gabrielle and Nick. Family funeral. Service of thanks giving to be announced later.

DRAKE - On March 8th, peacefully at home, Camilla (née Morgan Giles), dearly loved wife of John, and mother of George, Archibald and Florence. Private Funeral. Memorial service of Thanksgiving to be announced later.

ELLIS - On March 5th 1988, Thomas B.H. Ellis F.R.I.B.A., A.R.C.A. Dearly loved by all his family. Funeral private. No flowers. Donations maybe sent to the British Heart Foundation.

GAWLIK - On March 7th, after a courageous fight, of cancer, Doreen Rosemary (née Bateman), dearly beloved wife of James.

GLAZEBROOK - On March 7th, suddenly at home, His Honour Francis Kirkland, aged 86, of Rectory Park, Horsmonden, Kent. Funeral at Horsmonden Church on Tuesday March 15th, at 12 noon. No flowers please.

HAYMAN - On March 4th 1988, at home, Patrick, painter and writer and much loved husband of Barbara. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Monday March 14th at 1.30. Flowers to Mathias's, 213 Upper Richmond Road, Putney SW15, by noon.

HENSHALL - On 6th March, suddenly at her home in Bolney, Eileen, beloved wife of Rex, loved mother of Mark and Neil, and grandmother of Olivia. Funeral service will take place on Monday 14th March, at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, at 12.15 pm. Flowers please to J. & R. Matthews, Church Street, Cuckfield, West Sussex. Tel: 0444 413066.

HEWS - On March 7th, 1988, suddenly and peacefully, Rodney, aged 70 years of Derringstone St. Barham, Kent. Dearly loved husband of Susan. father of David, Richard and Jane and grandfather of Justin and Damien. Private funeral service on Friday March 11th, 1988. Any flowers please to C.W. Lyons & Son Ltd, 70 Military Rd, Canterbury, Kent. (0227) 465808. Memorial service to be announced.

LEPINE - On February 27th, suddenly but peacefully in New York. John Charles Stephen, loving husband of *the late Joan*, a great loss to his family and many friends. Funeral Service at The Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London W1. On Tuesday 15th March at 10.am, family flowers only, enquiries to Kenyons, 01 935 3728.

NICHOLAS - On March 3rd, suddenly in Accra, Ghana, Mawbray Stephen, aged 57 years of Haddenham, Bucks, husband of June and father of Loraine, Wenda and Leslie. Funeral in Accra on March 19th.

NORRISH - On March 7th 1988, peacefully, Barbara Jane of Weybridge, Surrey, beloved wife of Michael and mother of Hilary and Alison. Funeral service private. A thanksgiving service will be held at St Nicholas Church, Compton, Surrey on Friday March 11th at 11.30am.

O'SHAUGHNESSY - On March 5th 1988 peacefully at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Joyce dearly loved mother of David and Judy. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday March 15th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Kenyons, 132 Preston Rd, London W10.

RUSSELL - On March 1st, at home after a long illness, William Roberts, dearly loved husband of Ella and much loved father, grandfather and brother. He will be greatly missed.

SCOATES - On March 8th 1988, suddenly, William Frank, aged 76 years, of Marnhull, Dorset. Dearly loved husband of Marjorie and father of Elisabeth and Jane. Funeral service at St. Gregorys Church, Marnhull, on Monday March 14th at 11.30am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for St. Gregorys Church, maybe sent to Bracher Brothers F/D, Gillingham, Dorset. Tel. 07476 2494.

SMITH - On March 5th, 1988, quietly at home, 1 Oak Drive, Colwall, Malvern, Worcestershire, Denis Mitchell, dearly loved husband of Betty, father of Catherine, Stephen and Peter, Stepfather of Rosina, grandfather of Emma, Jolanta, Rose, Alexander, Sophie, Holly, Heidi, Michael and Daisy. Funeral Service Tuesday March 15th, 1.45 pm at St James's Parish Church, Colwall, followed by a short service at Worcester Crematorium. No flowers but donations may be made to either the Salvation Army or St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford.

SONEYA - On March 7th 1988, peacefully in Hospital, Kathleen of 17 Ashcombe Gardens, Edgware. Beloved wife of the late Jack, devoted Mum of Jaqueline, Richard, David, John and Elizabeth. Also a very dear grandma. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday March the 14th at 2.20 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to British Heart Foundation, C/o Sydney Hurry Funeral Services, 116 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware.

SUMMERS - On March 8th 1988, peacefully, Lydia Anna (Nancy), dearly loved wife of the late Morleis Summers (late Chairman of James Sommers & Son Ltd) of Cyncoed Road, Cardiff, loving mother of Zanne and Paul, respected mother in law of Philip and Sandy, devoted granny of Rene, Anna, Neils, Claire, Phillipe, Suzanne and Victoria. Resting at Routh Court Funeral Home. Funeral completely private. No flowers, donations if desired may be sent to Dr Barnardo's, c/o Regional Appeals Office, Newport Road, Cardiff or All Saints Church Expansion Appeal c/o Canon John Woodward, 256 Cyncoed Road, Cardiff.

SUNDIUS-SMITH - On Saturday March 5th 1988, peacefully at St. Stephens Hospital, Jocelyn Mary (née Robins), aged 77, wife of the late Lt. Cmdr. John Cochrane R.N. and the late Col. Brian Sundius - Smith, mother of Vivien Chappell (née Cochrane), sister of Vi Clinch and grandmother of Caroline, Richard and Andrew. Funeral Service at St. Jude's Church, Courtfield Gardens, London SW5 on Tuesday March 15th at 2.30pm. Followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu of flowers, if desired to Age Concern, Kensington & Chelsea, Gatehouse, St. Mary Abbots Hospital, London W8.

TALBOT-KELLY - On March 7th 1988, of Birkenhead, Merseyside, 87 years Margaret. Service at Saint Saviour's Church, Oxton, Birkenhead, Friday 11th March at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Landican, (enquiries 051 648 4396).

WALKER - On March 4th, Lily Hannah, peacefully at home in Goadby, Leicestershire, aged 88. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service will be held on March 10th at 3.30 pm in Goadby. Family flowers only please, but donations to: Goadby Church, c/o Mrs B Winnington, Goadby, Leics. Will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BEVAN - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Edward Vaughan Bevan T.D., D.L., M.D., will be held at 2.30pm on Thursday April 14th, 1988, at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

SINCLAIR - Robert. Author of "Metropolitan Man", remembered on his birthday.

Latest wills

Mr William Simpson Fraser, of London W7 — Bill Fraser the comedy actor, best known as Sergeant-Major Snudge in *Bootsie and Snudge* — left estate valued at £246,967 net.

Sir Francis Wilfrid Fry, of Cleveland Lodge, Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, who spent much of his working life with his family mining company and became an area general manager for the National Coal Board after nationalization, and who despite his Quaker beliefs served as a bomb disposal officer with the Royal Engineers during the last war, left estate valued at £1,257,193 net.

Sir Aymer Maxwell, eighth baronet, of London W, a JP for Wigtownshire and brother of the late Gavin Maxwell, author of *Ring of Bright Water*, left estate valued at £359,926 net.

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Mr Stanley John Ludgater, of Cold Ash, Newbury, Berkshire, left estate valued at £631,628 net.

Mr George William Sands, of Hindringham, Norfolk, left estate valued at £647,271 net.

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(1) Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
(2) To receive, and if approved, adopt Balance Sheets and Accounts for the year ended 30th June 987. In addition, to receive the Report of the Board of Management and to discuss any matters arising.
(3) Election of Honorary Officers.
(4) To fill the vacancies on the Board of Management.
(5) Special Business:
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Victoria's maverick daughter

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PRINCESS LOUISE
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Interest in Princess Louise has been revived recently by her appearance in Michaela Reid's *Ask Sir James*, Jane Roberts's *Royal Artists*, and Janet Aitken Kidd's memoirs. Otherwise she is known only for her sculpture of Queen Victoria in Kensington Gardens.

This book bore many good signs: a proficient and beautiful self-portrait on the front (artistic), matched by a somewhat uncomfortable photo of a predatory elderly lady by Cecil Beaton on the back (adventurous). The list of manuscript collections consulted was frighteningly impressive. Access was granted to the Royal Archives.

Before reviewing a royal book, there is one acid test that sifts the knowledgeable from the careless. If Lord Snowdon appears in a tree or index then he must be "Antony" rather than "Anthony." Mrs Wake cleared this hurdle, but tripped on Snowden, two missing dates in the royal tree, one misprint, and the Queen of Spain dying in 1941, rather than 1969.

This is a long book, but it is well written and easy to read, not a book to dip into but to enjoy in a few lengthy sessions. Mrs Wake writes with a gentle elegance: it is not unlike reading a Jane Austen novel. She remains loyally on the side of her heroine, who emerges as a hater of petty convention and the instigator of many important charitable institutions and hospitals.

Mrs Wake presents a grim portrait of Queen Victoria foraging through the pages of *Burke's Peerage* for a suitable son-in-law. By marrying into the Campbells, the Princess acquired a powerful father-figure in the 8th Duke of Argyll, later on a disreputable step-mother-in-law who refused to bury him for 18 days (an excellent passage), and several deeply unsatisfactory brothers-in-law. Her husband, the Marquess of Lorne was an MP (a situation equivalent to Mark Phillips sitting in the House of Commons today), and the Princess was supportive without getting too involved in politics. She studied art with Edward Corbould (whose son was the lover of Stewart Granger's mother) and sculpture with Sir Edgar Boehm who inauspiciously died in her presence.



Unpublished photograph of Louise, showing right ear

The Princess was often the victim of malicious rumours. In Canada, *Truth* has suggested that all was not well with her marriage (as indeed it was not). The death of Boehm led to stories of impropriety, and there was a distinct hint that her relations with Sir Arthur Bigge were not entirely professional. Princess Louise is lucky that her biography was not written by Marie Mallet, her mother's lady-in-waiting. She has scarcely a good word for her.

Mrs Wake is more forthcoming about the bad behaviour of the Campbells than of the Royal Family itself. She squashes the various rumours firmly: "None of the evidence bears this out." She explains that in the sleigh accident in Canada it was only the lobe of the ear that was cut and not the whole ear lost (as in Elizabeth Longford's *Victoria RI*). But she does not solve the mystery of the Princess writing articles under the pseudonym of Myra Fontenoy, which must now remain forever the "personal knowledge" of one Dorothy Cantelupe in *The Dictionary of National Biography*.

Live news from elsewhere

POETRY

Robert Nye

COLLECTED POEMS
By Harry Kemp
Privately printed, £15 hardback, £12 paperback

Poetry, by tradition variously defined, is the personal account of what it is like to be alive. Who says so? The poet Harry Kemp says so, introducing his own *Collected Poems* (available from the author at 6 Western Villas, Western Road, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3NA) with an essay full of good shrewd things about poetry in general and Laura Riding in particular.

Kemp once collaborated with Riding, most gifted and original of 20th-century poets. His first poems were published in *Epilogue*, that "Critical Summary" edited by her and Robert Graves in the Thirties. Now, at the age of 76, he is the only one still left alive of that small distinguished company to whom Riding was once the Muse. The others, true poets all, Graves, Norman Cameron, James Reeves, Alan Hodge, have received varying degrees of public recognition for their work, but Kemp has been unaccountably neglected, a state of affairs exemplified by the fact that his life's work now comes forth in a privately printed edition. Books of such provenance are usually ignorable. This one is not, having lines like these entitled "Catalpa" in it:

The tree of heaven is the last to leaf,
After the oak, weeks later than may or beech.
I have watched cautiously as pressure built
Within the steel-grey buds, while daffodil
And white bell flower and wilt:
Like one reluctant ever to spill
Or improvise happiness, or break
From precarious silence into speech.

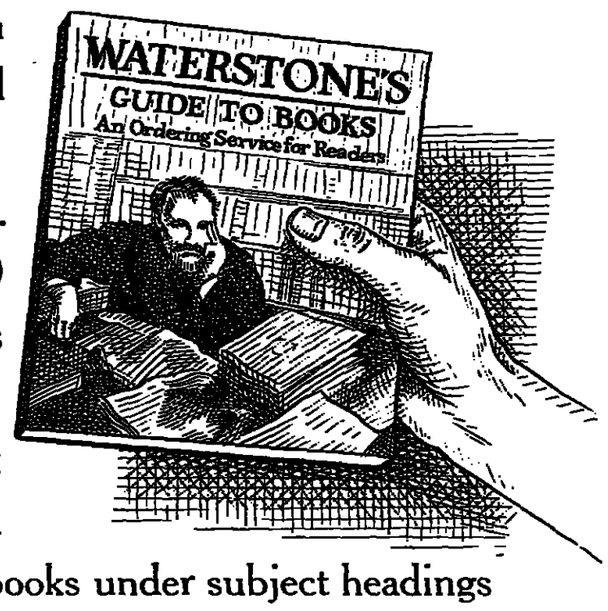
Kemp learned from Riding a seriousness about words and their ways which seems to have left him reluctant to break his own precarious silence, but the best of these poems not only have the necessary pressure of that reluctance behind them, but are themselves not unlike the leaves of the catalpa according to one of the citations in the Oxford English Dictionary: "Remarkably simple and heart shaped". Which is to say that here is a poet whose work, packed with hard thought at one with strong feeling, strikes me as thoroughly modern in idiom, yet just as thoroughly part of the great tradition of English poetry in both manner and matter.

Look again at his definition of poetry. Did it seem commonplace? In fact, implying as it does that poetry is not an art but a special mode of knowledge, it is actually more strange and accurate than Matthew Arnold's moralistic notion that poetry had better be a "criticism of life" or Wordsworth's somewhat impotent fantasy of it as "emotion recollected in tranquillity". Kemp's personal account of what it is like to be alive comes across as individual poems trying to find words for states of mind and feeling all but beyond them, verbal homes for a homelessness of spirit which gets comfort only from its own profession:

We who for what it's worth are adept
At saying several things at once —
Content as trees in this,
Whose manifold leaves and branches
Ape our structured words and thought —
Are rooted nonetheless
In singleness of heart,
Being sprung from seed our Muse
Planted in moonlight and laughter
And watered with her tears.

From the casual self-appraisal of the first two lines to the unrhetorical visionary exactness of the last two, with what comes between all magical thinking-through-metaphor, this is surely the right real thing — something quirky, honest, and singular, yet said with such grace and force that one feels the less alone for hearing it, and will not forget it having heard it said. Harry Kemp, plainly a lucky misfit in the world of contemporary poetry, and even luckier perhaps to have been a slow and late developer in that world where poetry is more than contemporary, deserves and will reward the attention of all who persist in looking to poems for unique news of what it is like to be alive.

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By Murray Elliot
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Perkins's war service included some desert fighting; the abortive campaign in Greece; the Battle of Crete; and then about a year as an escaped prisoner-of-war living off the land with Cretan help. Eventually he escaped to Cairo in a Greek submarine, and volunteered to return to Crete as a special agent. He has become a legend.

Readers should not be repelled by the subtitle — "The Lion of Crete". Cretans in loyal devotion have at times called Perkins that, but he himself was the last person on earth to roar — a quiet, modest man, self-effacing to the point of taciturnity except when making friends with villagers.

Tintintears

Martin Spence

HERGÉ & TINTIN REPORTERS
By Philippe Goddin
Sundancer, £25



Boy clown who never fades

The lifesize statue of Tintin stands today, as it has stood for a decade, in the Wolvendael Park in Brussels: the object of pilgrimage for thousands. The reporter who never reports stands hands in pockets. His plus-fours match their originals but the elephant-ear collar and suede slip-ons are the sculptor's gift. The nose has a touch of comic relief; the expression is knowing, almost sarcastic. The eyebrows are raised, but not in astonished innocence. In half a century, only the loss of his dear friend Chang in the high Himalayas brings tears to Tintin's eyes. This clown would never cry.

Although Hergé remained to the last ambivalent about it, he recognized the embalming of Tintin as inevitable; and in the final album, *Tintin et l'Alph-Art*, he is left to become a polyester sculpture. This colour-packed new piece of Tintiniana — the first to appear in English — reminds me of the magpie's nest in *The Castafiore Emerald*: full of intriguing bits and bobs, but lacking the emerald Tintin found there. The pictures delight. The text is interesting but unconnected. The translation is an adventure in itself.

There is new light on the foundation of the *Studios Hergé*, his work-methods and use of stereotypes. But generally, Tintinolaters are left to wander happily in a kaleidoscopic maze of visual material. The empty tin of crab meat that held opium, a scale model of Marlinspike, a pastel of the first Madame Hergé, the 1979 Tintin stamp, early palimpsests of the art that anticipated Warhol and Lichtenstein by 30 years. Tintinovices will need signposts. Tintinolaters will still ask the questions they have asked for years.

Was Tintin a scout? Why did an indexed extract from Voltaire's *Zadig* appear in the first issue of the fervently pro-Christian *Tintin* magazine? Why did Tintin's nose shrink between 1930 and 1931?

For the answers to these questions we must await the publication of the first doctoral thesis, the *Juvenilia*, and the Complete Correspondence (already in the press). Meanwhile, the rainswept statue still stands in Wolvendael Park and Tintin sheds tears of a kind. As Hergé once said, you would spot Snowy instantly, even if he was dressed as a clergyman, but here in the park it's harder. He has turned his back on his bronze master and seems to have choked on his bone. His damp nose has been eroded by the constant stroking of children. But even from 100 yards away, there is one sign you cannot fail to miss: the procession of local dogs making their own pilgrimage to the plinth to lift their legs at his in silent tribute.

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BOOKS

Comedy, exile, cunning

Richard Holmes reviews the biography of the poet and playwright of the rag-and-bone-shop of the human heart, and Old Mother Ireland

SEAN O'CASEY
A Life
By Garry O'Connor
Hodder & Stoughton, £17.95



GLYNN BOYD HARTE

Despite its emerald subject – your daarlin' man O'Casey, author of *Juno and the Paycock* and other dandy dramas – this is not a "theatrical" biography, or the celebration of a Stage Irishman. It is something far richer, funnier, and more serious: a study of comic genius going into spiritual exile. (Or as Captain Jack Boyle used to say: "a terrible state o' chassis".) It is written with tenderness and great technical skill by a one-time director at the Royal Shakespeare Company, who has already produced a masterly portrait of Ralph Richardson, and who now moves on to the wider historical canvas with notable assurance.

Unlike Joyce or Shaw, Sean O'Casey (1880-1964) came to exile late, in his mid-forties, having already written the superb Dublin trilogy for the Abbey Theatre, which brought him international celebrity. The roots of his inspiration always lay in the dancing language and harsh hilarity of the Dublin tenements. His best plays crowd together poetic and political idealism, with an earthy, comic realism, constantly in explosive tension and combat. (Beckett called him "the dynamiter".) As Rosie, the sharp-eyed street-lady of *The Plough and the Stars*, observes of the rebels of the Easter Rising: "You'd think they were the glorious company of the saints, an' the noble army of martyrs trampin' through the streets of paradise. They're all thinkin' of higher things than a girl's garthers."

In 1928, O'Casey broke with the Abbey's management, during a notorious public dispute with W.B. Yeats, over his Expressionist drama of the Great War, *The Silver Tassie* (Tankard). This is brilliantly analysed by O'Connor, with vivid understanding of both the stagecraft and the personalities at issue. From then on O'Casey's work became increasingly experimental, rhetorical, and diffuse; and though widely produced in America and Eastern Europe, he was essentially a dramatist without a theatre. He settled in England (eventually in Devon), married, espoused Communism, and poured much of his invention into the half-million words of his rhapsodic *Autobiographies* (1939-1954). These glowingly recreate his youth to suit his own cloth-capped image, liberally falsifying dates and incidents, and settling old scores with his family and critics. He refused all honours (whether a Trinity College doctorate, or a visit to Uncle Joe's Russia), and constantly engaged in furious polemic – some of which he collected in the aptly titled, *The Flying Wasp*, and the posthumous *Blasts and Benedictions*.

In old age he exchanged the symbolic trenchcoat and cap, for a turtle-neck sweater and tasseled beanie, acting out the part of the lovable, cantankerous, Irish "saint and gunman". Shortly before his death he was candidate for the Nobel Prize.

Garry O'Connor explores these colourful, contradictory materials with intelligence and sensitivity. The Dublin childhood dominated by O'Casey's Protestant mother (he lived with her until the age of 38), is taken far back behind the shimmering curtain of the *Autobiographies*. We find a short-sighted youth who was also an expert hurler (rumoured to have downed a sparrow in mid-flight); a political secretary of the Irish Citizen Army who stayed quietly at home for Easter 1916; a poet of the tenements who largely lived in a respectable terraced house. The many humorous sources for his art are unforgettable. O'Casey founded the pipe band of the St Lawrence O'Toole Club, and was arrested for playing "The Peeler and the Goat" ("the ballad of a goat arrested for high treason") outside the church of St Mary's. He successfully pleaded his innocence on the grounds that he was baptized there.

O'Connor shows the complexity of the later process of self-exile. He argues convincingly that O'Casey's ideology was first formed by a series of father-figures against whom he could fruitfully react: Parnell, the union leader Jim Larkin, and Yeats. But finally it was GBS – an unquestioned authority – who encouraged him into the desert of polemics, isolating his drama from its realist roots. When O'Casey married his beautiful, Irish actress wife, Eileen, he was faced by the subtle danger of domestic happiness in England robbing him of "the genuine comic pathos of isolation". In the deep and unusual friendship that formed with his English publisher, Harold Macmillan, O'Connor suggests a fatal diplomatic lack of editorial guidance, which did not dare to question the torrential memories and acrid *ad hominem* disputes, "except for a few commas".

The final alienation was one of self-caricature. "He now wore outwardly, like a coat of armour, his disillusionment." He learned to control his public persona, "so the art – or as it became increasingly, the art of controversy – grew more abstract, rhetorical, or simply combative, like a hurling match."

Yet even in this there was a kind of comic glory. "For the character O'Casey designed for himself became real- and inhabitable – much greater, perhaps, in scope, dimension, humour and sadness, than any of the great stage characters he carved out of his Dublin upbringing."

It is the measure of this biography that Sean O'Casey does indeed emerge at last as a noble myth-maker, a man of strength and kindness. Gary O'Connor lifts his human contradiction, his "parratox", towards a universal predicament – an exile which still speaks to a world-wide audience – and makes the dramatist's tenement a permanent symbol of the rag-and-bone shop of the human heart. In one of his finest biographic images, he writes: "O'Casey kept his tenement room intact, carrying it everywhere with him. From now on it became his study. Perhaps this single room, in which he always kept a made-up bed, remained the true home of his heart, in which he still lived with his mother, but now enclosed securely in a house of his own, with a wife and family." And also, to be sure, with old Mother Ireland.



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Grand public orator

Richard Cobb

HISTORY AND HOPE
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By C.V. Wedgwood
Collins, £17.50

Of the 44 essays, lectures, articles, and reviews that form the present volume, under its somewhat sphinx-like title, nearly half date from the 1940s, of which 15 are from the war years (and , it should be said, often still showing it, both as *pièces de circonstance* designed to draw an immediate lesson, and in their breathlessness of style). 14 are from the 1950s, seven from the 1960s, and only two from the 1970s. Once safely into the Fifties, the essays become more solid, less urgent, and less given to preaching.

In many of her longer pieces, Dame Veronica displays an unrivalled ability to use literary sources and to draw on them in order to illustrate social history. Indeed, this is perhaps her principal strength – along with her readability – as a historian who can address herself in simple and compelling terms to the public.

For my own taste at least there is rather a surfeit of Grand People and Great Authors. It is as if she had adopted the role of a sort of historical Public Orator. Dame Veronica tends to be sentimental on the subject of France, especially during the Occupation years. The volume could have done with pruning. There are rather too many Grand Occasions, and, in many of the wartime pieces, we can pick out, albeit faintly, but with that same breathless heartiness, the voices of British Way & Purpose, ABCA, of the MOI, and of the underground areas of Bush House. Like Dame Veronica, I got heartily sick of the Common Man a great many years ago. Why then does she have to go on dragging in the uncouth creature?

In one's own interest, as well as in that of one's potential readers, one should make a rule of never republishing one's wartime propaganda pieces. Her editors would have done Miss Wedgwood a service if they had eliminated from the present collection many of the thoughts on the general and much reiterated theme of "Where German History Went Wrong". Still, the present volume is a reminder of how well Dame Veronica can write, especially when she is concerned with 17th-century Europe and 17th-century England.

Camera ergo sum

FICTION

Philip Howard

OUT OF THIS WORLD
By Graham Swift
Viking, £10.95

THE WESTERN LANDS
By William S. Burroughs
Picador, £10.95

After the *Waterland* romanfleuving of generations fixed in the Fenlandscape, Graham Swift has written a much shorter, sharper, and more experimental novel. It deals with estrangement in families, and the estrangement of our generation, which sees life through a camera lens. For a world in which only the media are real, only the non-real is important.

The two main living characters are a burnt-out star photojournalist and his daughter, who lies on a shrink's couch in New York. Both are haunted by the loss of their mothers, and by three violent events of our violent century that have scarred their lives: a grenade in the trenches, a plane crash into Mount Olympus, and a terrorist's bomb. In short alternating chapters Harry and his daughter Sophie, and just occasionally some other character, by indirections find directions out and recreate and explain their divided past.

Both are strong on aposiopesis: the art of significant breaking off at a crucial point, so that you are left in suspense to guess what happened. The gradual rediscovery of the terrible past is as tense as a thriller.

Harry's father was a war hero and a munitions manufacturer. Harry has defected from the family business to become a neutral witness, a floating pair of eyes. He has spent his life recording "news", from the awful banality of the Nuremberg defendants to the everyday violence of Vietnam and Belfast, until the day when he chucks it in as a photographer, because he finds himself on the wrong side of the lens, as the focus of the clicking and whirring of the voyeur-snappers.

Which is worse: to have to look at piles of corpses, or to take photographs of people looking at piles of corpses? The Royal Naval task force leaves for the Falklands campaign, which is organized so as to be the TV and media event of the year. Why do we have this compulsion to see reality only through the lens and the telly? Why do we click our cameras urgently, desperately, as a substitute for standing and staring? Are we trying to possess something (celebrity, excitement, truth) that does not belong to us?

This is a powerful and exciting book that raises uncomfortable political questions. The scenes on the New York psychiatrist's couch are unpersuasive for those who have never lain down on one.

I have seen the cemeteries of the hairy Ainu, and a great deal of other assorted necrophiliac and gruesome matter, in *The Western Lands* of Burroughs, who is part shaman, part sham, though the proportion that qualifies for Pseuds' Corner is a matter of taste. William Burroughs has a predilection for metaphysical whimsy like Robertson Davies, but without the Magus's intellectual rigour. This purports to be his Book of the Dead, drawing upon ancient Egyptian mythology for its symbolic structure. It hops backwards and forwards without warning between Ancient Egypt, modern Chelsea, and points east and west, while Joe the Dead, the scribe Nefertiti, Hassan i Sabbah, and an old writer silenced by the celebrity of his notorious first book 30 years ago pursue their quest. The Western Lands of the title refer to the final state to which, apparently, the souls of the dead must travel if they are to find true immortality.

The text includes frequent drop caps, and hieroglyphs at the start of each chapter: obtrusive design in print usually indicates lack of confidence in the power of the written word. Burroughs disarms criticism with passages about the negative anti-writing of book reviewers, who out of malevolence or stupidity use words to destroy instead of create images. There is a scandalous eruption of images in this book, some of them hideous enough to make Hieronymus Bosch throw up. It is all very imaginative, rum and coke, and I don't think I mean Coca Cola.

Immortal or posthumous sculpture

Sanda Miller

BRANCUSI
By Pontus Hulten, Natalia Dumitresco, & Alexandre Istrati
Faber, £60

At long last the Brancusi archives complete with apocrypha are available in book form; and not a minute too soon. Majestic and lavishly illustrated, Alexandre Istrati's and Natalia Dumitresco's volume published last year by Flammarion has been translated into English. This is no ordinary monograph – in fact it is debatable whether it could even qualify as such – because of the privileged status of its authors.

In 1957, when Brancusi died a naturalized French citizen, he named his two young Romanian compatriots, painters subsequently turned authors, *légataires universels*. At the same time he left his famous white atelier in Montparnasse to the Musée National d'Art Moderne, on condition that it be reconstituted on its premises. At present, the Atelier Brancusi stands across the road from the Rodgers-Piano holy cow of modern technology: the Centre Pompidou. A modest whitewashed shack, several anaemic-looking trees scattered around for authenticity, it creates a contrast so full of pathos that it borders on the ridiculous.

As a consequence, all Brancusi's personal files – and the man was meticulous to the point of keeping even his electricity bills – went into hiding with access denied. Copyright to material for any book on Brancusi was refused to all scholars, until the Istrati/Dumitresco book made the papers accessible.

There is more to the story: having won a hard fought lawsuit against the Musée National d'Art Moderne, Brancusi's *légataires universels* have been enriching the market with posthumous bronze reproductions, duly listed in the catalogue section of the book: two bronzes of the "New Born"; three bronzes of the "Golden Bird"; a large number of bronzes from the numerous versions of the "Bird in Space" . . . the list goes on. The complications introduced by the practice of using reproductive processes such as *surmoulages*, enlargement in size, change to another medium, but above all the ethical, aesthetic, art historical – not forgetting commercial – implications in deciding whether such a work can really become authorized (unless so declared by the artist) are considerable. One way or another just about every important sculptor this century (Giacometti, Boccioni, Duchamp-Villon, Modigliani) has been implicated; and Brancusi is no exception.



Study for Mlle Pogany, 1920

The book, with a preface by Pontus Hulten, begins with a biographical section based mostly on the archives, enlivened by apocryphal stories, followed by an exhaustive, fully illustrated catalogue. Notwithstanding the joy of suddenly being able to read, for example, the correspondence between Brancusi and such personalities as Jean Cocteau, Tristan Tzara, Erik Satie, but above all Brancusi's close friend and at one time dealer, Marcel Duchamp, the text makes arid reading. Although its importance to any serious Brancusi researcher is vast, *Brancusi* remains strictly a reference book; the essential one.

Visually it is a feast: exquisite photographs of Brancusi's works complemented by reproductions of his own photographs – for he was a superb photographer as you can see from his 1,200 original photographs in the archives of the Centre Pompidou. Leaving aside aesthetics, they constitute priceless documentary material. Finally, there are a number of facsimile fragments, possibly from personal letters, a secret diary, modest scraps of paper perhaps – we are not told. In the book these are reproduced as vignettes which are windows (made even more touching by Brancusi's terrible French spelling) opened into the soul of one of the greatest artists of our times: Constantin Brancusi.

Here is one:

Je pleur – il fait telman beau dan mon ame, mon coeur se dechire persone au tour de moi – persone.

HEALTH

Offering a slim chance

Cosmetic surgery has made it possible for us to shape up by moving fat around the body, Liz Hodgkinson reports. But there are still doubts about how long the improvement lasts

As they get older, most women find that fat accumulates round hips, thighs, upper arms and underneath the chin at the same time as it disappears from breasts, hands, cheeks and calves. Men tend to develop beer bellies and double chins while their faces become cadaverous. Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could take fat from one part of the body where you did not want it and transplant it to another area where you did?

Now some cosmetic surgeons say they are able to do just that with a new procedure called fat transplantation, which was developed in America and is now available here. The process has been made possible by the technique of liposuction, which became generally available here about five years ago. In liposuction a cannula (narrow tube) is inserted just beneath the skin to suck out fat cells from areas resistant to all dieting and exercise – usually the thighs, buttocks, under the chin or the tops of arms. Cosmetic surgeons wondered if the unwanted fat cells could be injected into other areas to plump them out. So they tried it, and it seemed to work.

Dr Alan Kingdon, a cosmetic surgeon who has performed many hundreds of liposuction operations, will now be carrying out fat transplantation as part of his work at The Harley Medical Group. "Now, thanks to the suction technique, it is a simple, minor operation," he says.

"We can use it to take up to four pounds of excess fat from problem areas, and there is no risk or trauma. The fat is removed permanently, although it should only be used when all other methods have been tried and failed."

"Fat transplantation grew directly out of liposuction. It was found in some cases that too much fat had been removed and instead of a smooth line, there were dips and dimples. So surgeons tried putting some of the fat back – and found that it worked."

Fat removal and transplantation have to be performed in the same operations, as the cells live for only a few hours once outside the body. Although Kingdon describes it as a "minor operation"; it requires a general anaesthetic and a day or two in hospital. There will usually be some bruising and swelling afterwards, which will take about two weeks to go down. And the standard liposuction operation is by no means a minor procedure.

According to the author Bronwen Meredith, whose book *A Change for the Better: The Essential Guide to Plastic Surgery* is published today, about six weeks' recuperation is needed before the body is back to normal. "If large fat deposits are removed," she says, "there's an empty space between skin and underlying layers of muscle. To make sure this space doesn't fill up with blood or fluid, an elastic corset has to be worn.

"This helps reduce swelling and bruising and allows the skin to become attached to the muscles beneath." Bandages have to stay on for three weeks and the patient has to rest at home for a fortnight. When the operation is performed on the buttocks or thighs, walking can be difficult for about a month.

Some surgeons do not recommend liposuction for women aged over 35 because their skin might have lost much of its elasticity and remain puckered. A smoother outline in tight-fitting skirts and trousers might be achievable but the sight in a swimming costume may be less than aesthetic and liposuction does not get rid of cellulite. If all that is required is fat to transfer to another area of the body, these puckers and problems do not exist, simply because the amount of fat removed is so small. It is not possible, however, to inject fat from one person into another other than, perhaps, an identical twin.

'I'm not sure that fat injection has stood the test of time. Before patients start queuing up I think this needs far more evaluation'

The areas in which fat transplantation can be used at present are limited to hands, face (where it may be used to plump out cheeks) and occasionally the legs, where it may be used to enlarge a limb wasted by childhood polio. The procedure can also be used for depressed scars, to make them less visible. At the moment it is not possible safely to transplant fat from bulging thighs and use it to uplift sagging breasts.

"People are doing this in America, but we're not happy about it for two reasons," Kingdon says. "One is that, during transplantation, around 50 per cent of the fat cells are lost, which means that huge amounts would have to be taken from the thighs. It can be dangerous and extremely traumatic to remove more than four pounds of fat at a time.

"The other reason is that transplanted fat can easily be confused on a mammogram with an early tumour, and lead to a false diagnosis of malignancy. This is the main reason why we don't do it."

He feels that at present, plumping up and rejuvenation of hands is the most exciting breakthrough. "As people get older, they lose fat underneath the skin. With this technique you can insert a cannula into the wrist, and insert the fat. It then spreads round the back of the hand of its own accord, and stays there, merging with the fat cells already present."

Like most cosmetic surgeons, Kingdon is coy on costs. But while liposuction costs around £2,000, the operation to re-inject fat will be "in the hundreds" – perhaps £300 to £400 for a hand rejuvenation. He says his is the only clinic in the UK performing fat transplantation, but he expects it to become a standard treatment in a very short time. He is satisfied that it is free from unwanted complications. But patients are asked to come back three months after the initial operation to make sure the transplant has been effective. And nobody knows how long the new fat cells will last, as the operation is so new.

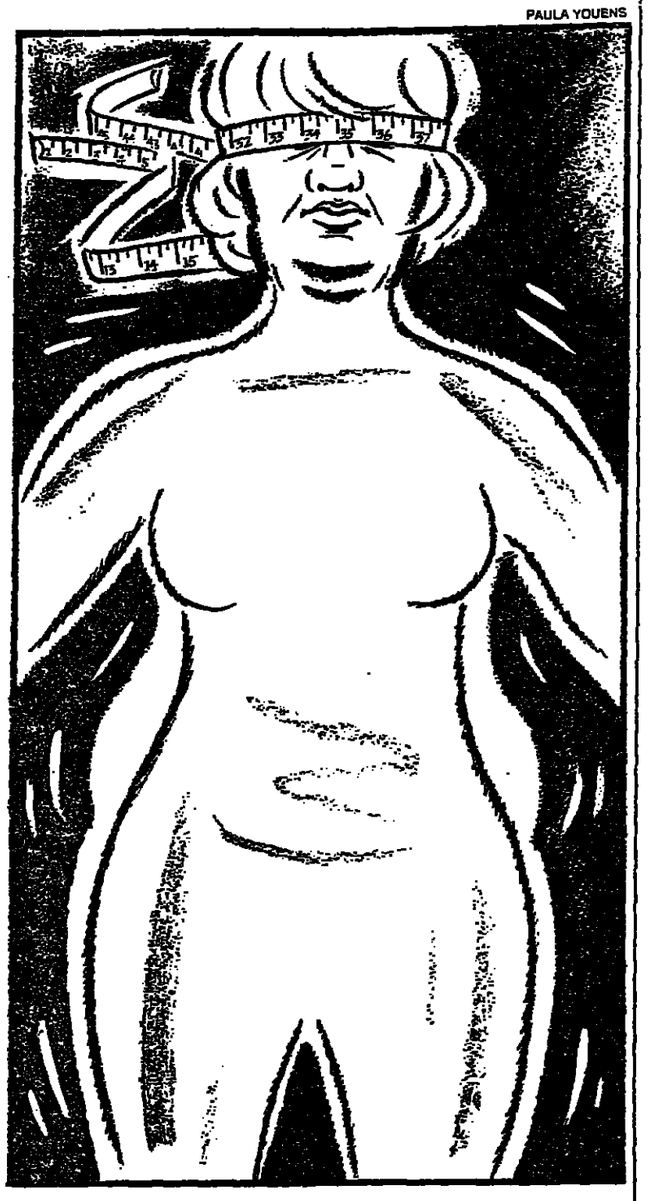
Christopher Margrave, a surgeon who performs cosmetic operations on the NHS at a London teaching hospital, and author of *Cosmetic Surgery: Facing the Facts*, is less enthusiastic about fat transfer. "The indications from American journals say that, although the results look very good initially, they don't last and the new fat disappears within three to six months. Although liposuction is successful, I'm not sure that fat injection has stood the test of time. Before patients start queuing up for this operation, I think this needs far more evaluation."

Bronwen Meredith has not yet researched fat transfer, but believes that liposuction works well. She is, however, unhappy about the continuing difficulty of knowing how to find a good cosmetic surgeon. "The good ones are wonderful. But it's so easy to get butchered. The usual advice is to go to your doctor, although many GPs know nothing about cosmetic operations. All that people can do is to look in newspapers and magazines for advertisements, and contact the clinics direct. They have no way of knowing anything about the surgeon who performs the operations.

"I asked the British Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons to give me a list of accredited doctors, who could be trusted. They wouldn't. In every other country it's possible to obtain such a list."

Mr Timothy Milward president of the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, says that they have prepared a list that will be sent to 30,000 GPs in the country in the next two months. "It is true that if you look someone up in the phone book, or contact a clinic, you have no idea whether they are properly qualified to carry out cosmetic procedures. This is why we are preparing the list but I believe that there are lots of GPs who are not really all that interested in cosmetic surgery and that is why they do not help the patients."

PAULA YOUENS



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A Change for the Better: The Essential Guide to Cosmetic Surgery *by Bronwen Meredith, published by Grafton (£6.95)*

Cosmetic Surgery: Facing the Facts *by Christopher Margrave, published by Penguin (£3.95)*

A haze over the smoker

SECOND OPINION

Alfred Browne

A year ago Edwina Currie, the junior health minister, made headlines over something dear to her heart – the dangers, real or assumed, of other people's tobacco smoke. Calling on the backing of a soon-to-be-published report she condemned it as a major health hazard. A year later, we still have not seen that report.

A few years ago I, a non-smoking medical journalist, saw in a medical journal a Japanese survey which suggested non-smoking wives were dying of lung cancer and other diseases from breathing smoke from their husband's cigarettes.

The story I wrote went round the world, the start of public consciousness of ETS (Environmental Tobacco Smoke) or "passive smoking". I was a bit dubious about some points, such as that breathing other people's smoke was the equivalent of smoking five cigarettes a day, but it was not for me to criticize a survey accepted by a medical journal.

The present fuss led me to look at the matter again, thinking there must have been a great deal more research. There had, almost 500 scientific papers which have been reviewed by the US National Research Council. There are no firm conclusions – it is not known precisely how tobacco smoke causes disease and everything depends on epidemiology, comparisons of people who have or have not suffered from diseases.

Nor can we measure the amount of smoke to which a non-smoker is exposed. Nicotine in blood, urine and saliva probably comes from ETS but is no guide to other tobacco ingredients reaching the lungs. In non-smokers it is mainly absorbed in the mouth.

The US review found ETS had no significant effect on heart rate or blood pressure. Chest diseases seem more plausible. Any smoke makes us cough. However, the National Research Council concluded it is not possible to single out one of the many insults modern living inflicts on our lungs. A new factor is radon, the radioactive gas which seeps from the ground and has been strongly linked to lung cancer.

On children the NRC was more forthright. There is strong evidence, it states, that smokers' children have more bronchitis and pneumonia in the first year of life. It would be prudent not to smoke near small children.

But does ETS cause lung cancer? The American review shows that some studies found non-smoking wives or husbands of smoking spouses ran an increased risk, some found no change, some even found a reduced risk. Just six of 23 groups studied showed a definite risk. The National Research Council decided to add all the results together. Some feel that is stretching epidemiology beyond true science, one cannot possibly be comparing like with like. But it appears to be the method used for Mrs Currie's estimate of a 30 per cent increased risk – the NRC found 34 per cent.

Of course, if something in cigarette smoke harms smokers then, plausibly, it could harm non-smokers. A team at the Institute of Cancer Research, Sutton, Surrey, found passive smoking produces in the body less than one per cent of a nicotine by-product found in smokers.

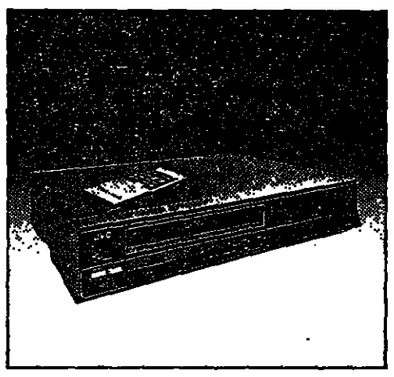
If smoking increases the risk of lung cancer tenfold, as believed, passive smoking would raise the risk by less than 10 per cent if the risk rose steadily with the amount smoked. Most authorities believe the risk grows faster the heavier one smokes.

The Sutton study, of 13,000 people lasting over five years and covering all aspects of passive smoking, found ETS had no significant effect on bronchitis, heart disease and stroke. There was, if anything, a slight drop in lung cancer. Their verdict was that the effect of passive smoking on lung cancer and other smoking-associated diseases was "at most quite small if it exists".

Many of us will, of course, still object to smoky atmospheres in the office, blaming it for headaches, nausea, sore eyes and so on. The smell of tobacco can be unpleasant for the non-smoker and it is very hard to remove from the atmosphere. But investigations of "sick building syndrome", found 95 per cent of complaints were due to less noticeable pollutants, such as spores and microbes, unseen and unsuspected. We still can't write QED for ETS.

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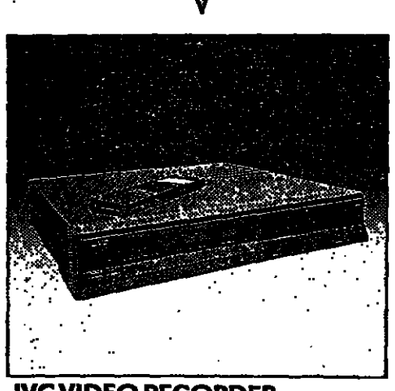
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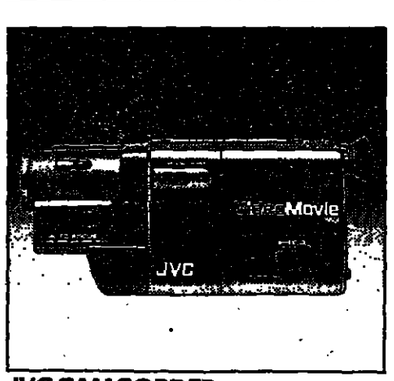
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More than mere nerves?

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

In the 1930s doctors Cameron, Finlay and even their more sophisticated contemporaries beyond Tannochbrae used to reassure the anxious, emotional girl that the lower abdominal pain plaguing her life was due to pelvic venous congestion. After a few soothing words and a nerve tonic, the patient would leave the surgery and Dr Cameron would take the opportunity to lecture young Finlay on sexual frustration as a cause of pelvic pain.

His reasoning was the wrong way round: pelvic venous congestion is not caused by sexual frustration but causes it. Sexual excitement makes the pain from it very much worse, so women quickly learn to dread it and avoid sexual activity.

Recently research workers at St Mary's Hospital, London have devised means, described in the *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, of measuring the amount of venous congestion in a woman's pelvic circulation. Professor Richard Beard and his senior registrar, Mr Philip Reginald, have used ultrasound to estimate the venous engorgement by measuring the thickness of the uterine lining (the endometrium), the size of the ovaries and the state of the pelvic veins. Their conclusions can be confirmed, and recorded with X-rays, by injecting a radio-opaque dye into the uterine muscle. The dye drains into the pelvic veins and in the normal person is lost in the general circulation within 40 seconds, but in the patient suffering from venous congesion the twisted, dilated plexus of pelvic veins hold the dye for up to five minutes.

Beard says that venous congestion is often overlooked as a cause of chronic abdominal pain; a doctor's first thoughts are of pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), endometriosis, or irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). It was essential, in his view, to exclude these diagnoses, usually by a laparascopy, together with more serious pelvic disease, but he has found that attributing the pain of venous congestion to PID can greatly increase the misery of a woman who often is already emotionally upset. A diagnosis of PID, as it is often due to sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia or gonorrhoea, carries with it the hint of promiscuity, together with the fear of infertility. Fifty per cent of the cases of pelvic venous congestion investigated by Beard and Reginald had been told mistakenly that they had PID; many had been very upset by the diagnosis.

There are some differences between the pain of PID and pelvic congestion. Characteristically the latter is a dull ache made rather worse by menstruation and exercise and eased by rest. Patients with pelvic venous congestion experience a deep pain in their lower abdomen during sexual intercourse, and also so-called post coital pain which can come on up to 24 hours after intercourse. This ranges from a severe ache to an excrutiating pain; unfortunately the greater the intensity of the previous orgasm, the greater the subsequent pain.

Beard finds pelvic venous congestion to be a truly psychosomatic complaint; there is little doubt that most women who suffer from it have highly-strung temperaments, but equally little doubt that 56 per cent have the physical signs of polycystic ovaries, engorged endometria and enlarged pelvic veins. The cause of these signs is probably ovarian over-activity resulting from changes in the levels of hormones produced by the pituitary gland, itself influenced by emotion. Treatment is by suppressing, for a time, ovarian activity, in combination with psychotherapy.

Not a wink



It is reported that, until recently, Mrs Carpenter of Exeter had not had a full night's sleep since the birth of her eldest son eight years ago. Her three sons are hyperactive insomniacs, so there is no peace in the Carpenter household because the boys simply do not rest.

Whereas in most families there is a welcome hush after the children's bedtime, the parents of an overactive child are never able to enjoy a quiet drink together, an undisturbed family supper or a dinner party with friends, let alone a night's sleep. Hyperactivity usually involves constant agitated movement and activity during the day as well as sleepless nights. It is hard to categorize as the child's behaviour, which in some families would be considered acceptable, would in others be regarded as abnormal.

Many hyperactive children are exceptionally bright, but others cluster around the bottom end of the intellectual scale and some are obviously sub-normal. The causes of hyperactivity are legion; the child may have been brain damaged at birth, have inherited a familial neurological disorder, be emotionally deprived and therefore attention-seeking, or may just be showing to an exaggerated degree a genetic trait. Whatever the cause, expert advice should be sought. Small changes in the child's regime occasionally revolutionize life for the family. If no improvement occurs, parents can console themselves that it is usually only a stage between the ages of two and four which the child will outgrow – although some sub-normal children remain hyperactive for much longer.

Rubbing it in



Continental medicine has always favoured unusual methods of taking drugs. Hormone creams, which are still popular in France, can cause unexpected side-effects in a patient's spouse. Four doctors in Rouen have written to *The Lancet* describing the troubles which can arise when somebody shares a bed with a patient using a hormone-impregnated cream.

One man whose wife had been prescribed an oestrogen skin cream started to develop breasts. Another man, not satisfied with the anatomy provided by nature, used a testosterone-impregnated cream. It is not recorded whether his stature improved but his wife began to grow a beard.

In Britain doctors usually prescribe tablets, although it is now becoming acceptable to use impregnated patches applied to the skin which allow the patient to absorb a metered dose slowly.

Expiry date



An unfeeling politician's quip that where there is death there is hope explains why an MP's health is important to aspiring candidates or, once in Parliament, to those who seek promotion. The three obvious indicators of cardio-vascular disease for which they should watch may not always be apparent. Smoking is obvious, but high blood pressure may not show, for it is a myth that hypertensive people are necessarily red-faced, overweight and quick to anger. The third risk factor, a raised serum cholesterol, can only be confirmed with a blood test, but there are two give-away signs. Patients with severe hyperlipidaemia sometimes have collections of fat, like smudges of margarine, in the skin around the eye; these token that the patient has at least a three-fold increased chance of a sudden heart attack. The other sign is the presence of a white rim around the iris of the eye, an arcus senilis, so-called because most older people have one.

But ambitious politicians might do better to study their rivals' antecedents. Even when the risk of hypertension, smoking and a raised cholesterol are combined, they still do not equal the danger of having had a parent, brother or sister who has died from cardio-vascular disease under the age of 55. At new laboratories at the Royal Post Graduate Medical School, Hammersmith, Professor Anttilio Maseri and his team will investigate the relative importance between hereditary and environmental causes of cardio-vascular disease, and study which abnormalities in the clotting system are inherited, as well as the inheritance pattern of hyperlipidaemia. Maseri advises people with a worrying family history to avoid the known risk factors – something which is even more crucial for them than for the rest of the population.

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THE ARTS

Fairly played

The distinguished former editor of *The Times*, William Rees-Mogg, was prompted last week by the BBC's play *Airbase* to lambast BBC drama for "the repetitive character and extreme views of its propaganda". Unfortunately, his attack ignored important philosophical and aesthetic questions about "bias" in drama, as opposed to news.

If he had considered more television plays he might have found food for more subtle thought. Last night the private sector offered two very different examples of what could be said to be "anti-Thatcherite" drama. *Everyone A Winner* by Barry Pilton, the last in Channel Four's *Tickets for the Titanic* series, was a direct critique of the present Conservative Party economic philosophy of privatization

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and small business enterprise, but only the humourless or totalitarian would have wished it banned because of its blatant political "bias."

Though rather laboured in its simplicities, the satirical burlesque was bolstered by a strong cast, with Jonathan Pryce as a long-haired vicar and Anna Carteret as his nurse wife, trying to make their "caring services" cost effective, while their entrepreneurial children shock them with their precocious private enterprises. Though it made no attempt at "political balance", it would be absurd to describe it as propaganda, because drama does not succeed or fail according to the rules of current affairs programme Fair Play.

Meanwhile *The Fear* (ITV) continues to offer a much less overt "political" view, by making its gangsters wide-boy mutants of yuppie enterprise culture. Both works, however, reflect more complex influences than that of any supposed conspiratorial group of propagandists, not least various long standing cultural traditions which still make it easier, in Britain at least, to criticize materialism dramatically than to defend it.

Andrew Hislop

Never mind the plot

CINEMA

Someone to Watch Over Me (18)
Leicester Square Theatre

Orphans (15)
Cannons Haymarket and Chelsea

The Big Parade
ICA

No End (18)
Renoir



Policeman becomes hostage: Andreas Katsulas threatens to kill Tom Berenger

The thriller is back in fashion, though there are subtle changes in the form. In the older styles of Hitchcock and *film noir*, a large part of the attraction lay in the ingenuity of the plotting. Today, more often than not, the challenge for the director is to distract the audience from narrative inconsequences and improbabilities, with which contemporary thriller writers seem unconcerned.

In Someone to Watch Over Me, for instance, the writer Howard Franklin, having stumbled over a number of potholes in the plot, contrives a set-piece dénouement which makes little or no narrative sense, if you actually think about it; but the skill of Ridley Scott's direction is to make the incidents so fast and suspenseful that you do *not* think about it.

Scott's glossy, nervous style, constantly startling the eye with dramatic compositions and unexpected colours, suits the thriller more happily than the more pretentious themes of his earlier films. The streets of New York become a strange netherworld obscured by the mysterious clouds of steam that pour up out of the pavements; the interiors are the future-fiction world of Manhattan galleries and designer-magazine apartments.

The sub-text to the thriller story is the pervading American obsession with class. A working class cop (Tom Berenger, no less excellent in a lighter and more glamorous role than in *Platoon*) is set to body-guard a beautiful socialite who has witnessed a murder.

Having improved his taste in clothes, the lady falls for the handsome brute, and temporarily seduces him from his Bronx wife and child, with a taste of the Madison Avenue life. Hollywood traditionally favours the social *status quo*, of course; and accordingly the happy end sees everyone returning contented to his appointed station in life.

Alan Pakula transfers Lyle Kessler's stage play *Orphans*, complete with its two acts and three characters, almost unchanged to the screen. The few excursions to locations only serve to emphasize the claustrophobia of the house where the principal action takes place.

Two strange brothers live in a derelict house on the outskirts of New Jersey (as it appears in the film, the horror-movie mansion looks an unsuitably valuable piece of real estate). Treat (Matthew Modine), a violent psychopath who spends his time mugging and thieving in the city, maintains his power over his picturesquely crazy brother Phillip (Kevin Anderson) by convincing him that he will sicken and die of allergy if he ever ventures out of the house.

Everything changes when Treat brings home Harold (Albert Finney), a hard-drinking old gangster, intending to rob him and hold him for ransom. Instead Harold serenely takes the lives of the boys in hand, taming Treat to serve him and emancipating Phillip from his brother's domination.

The piece exists for the performances, each in its own way engaging: Finney, snakey within his bluff and bulky outer presence; Modine, a marvellously sinister and mercurial personality; and Kevin Anderson (who created the role in the original stage production) touchingly intimating, by flashes, the private world that Phillip inhabits.

The group of Chinese film-makers now in their thirties and identified as "The Fifth Generation" are proving to be formidable talents. The Big Parade is directed by Chen Kaige, whose first film was *Yellow Earth*, and was photographed by Zhang Yimou, who has just won the Berlin Grand Prix with his own début film, *Red Sorghum*.

The Big Parade has to be judged after changes unwillingly made under pressure from the Chinese Army. It follows a familiar and fairly universal formula: the record of a group of young recruits undergoing gruelling military training and a selective elimination process, in preparation for the culminating show — in this case Peking's National Day parade.

Formally it is a *tour de force*. Filmed in a subdued, bleached-out range of khaki, sepia, white and blue, with occasional explosions of red, it alternates between wide, formal shots of the parades and exercises and ranked barrack bunks; and tight, dynamically edited, constantly moving shots of less formal sides of the soldiers' life. In following the fortunes of six soldiers, it adopts a soap-opera structure, but with rich characterization.

Attractive and humanly identifiable though the boys are, western audiences might have some difficulty with the extreme sentimentality which seems a part of Chinese temperament. At the same time they are likely to miss the metaphorical subtleties of the film's examination, through the varied experiences and reactions of the different characters, of the relationship of the individual to the social community in changing Red China.

Despite the martial law era, Polish film-makers very swiftly resumed their critical commentary on the political and social health of the nation. Krzysztof Kieslowski's No End, made in 1984 but not released until 1986 (its difficulties were precisely contemporary with those of *The Big Parade*), is uncompromising in its reflections on the attitudes and perils of the period after the suppression of Solidarity.

The form of the film is unusual: the events are observed by the ghost of a young lawyer, who informs us at the outset that he died four days before all this began. He is played by Jerzy Radziwilowicz, striker hero of Wajda's *Man of Marble* and *Man of Iron*.

His widow takes up her husband's last cause: the defence of a young man charged with leading an illegal strike. The case becomes a battle between the two defence lawyers, a world-weary old man whose concern is to free his client, whatever the compromises, and his idealistic young assistant, who wants to see the striker in the role of exemplary martyr to the cause.

There are no real villains — only compromisers and cowards and people looking for the most comfortable way out. The trouble is with the times; and Kieslowski subtly builds up the atmosphere of a weary, *fin-de-siecle* hopelessness, an era which promises no end. The only possibility of future optimism is with the dead hero's young son, and the light reflected on his face as he gazes, rapt, at hundreds of All Saints' Day candles burning before the memorial to (presumably) the Gdansk martyrs.

David Robinson

JOHN HAYNES



Barking Mother: Felicity Kendal busily being efficient

Going nowhere

THEATRE

Hapgood
Aldwych

The arrival of Tom Stoppard's first play since *The Real Thing* five years ago is the theatrical equivalent of the launch of a new British car.

The product of long thought and hefty investment, involving leading members of the previously successful team (direction by Peter Wood, lead performances by Felicity Kendal and Roger Rees), it glides into public view as a high precision vehicle crammed with advanced accessories and all set to annex the local carriage trade and move on to the conquest of foreign markets. On the evidence of last night's performance, though, it does not appear to be going anywhere.

Hapgood is a spy thriller of a complexity that reduces Len Deighton and John le Carré to the narrative simplicity of Little Red Riding Hood. Its eponymous heroine runs a British intelligence network, mainly engaged in feeding disinformation to the KGB. That is one of the few plot details one can state with some measure of confidence.

Hapgood's principal tool, a defecting Russian physicist (Kerner) may or may not be a double agent and the father of her little boy. Kerner's work may or may not have military value.

Perhaps there is some other mole in the organization, as Russia has profited rather too much from the deal; and perhaps Hapgood's gentlemanly ruthless colleague Blair has been up to some clandestine manoeuvres of his own. If you are already lost, I have succeeded in conveying the flavour of the piece.

In the early scenes, mystification is itself a source of considerable pleasure. They depict a tailing operation, enacted with animated London street maps and amplified radio messages. Played without dialogue to a brisk Bach accompaniment this comes over as a beautifully timed espionage ballet. Hapgood is then discovered masterminding operations from her office, and any hope of clarifying the mystery is speedily dispelled by fusillades of encoded telegraphese.

Where the dialogue does start making sense is in the following Regent's Park scene where Kerner, lowering his voice from the listening giraffes, informs Blair that "objective reality is for zoologists".

It is not a concept that makes much sense to the physicist; and Kerner embarks on an eloquent recap of the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, and the interchangeability of waves and particles, during which it becomes apparent that he is using this as a metaphor for espionage. A double agent may turn into a triple agent just as a table can become a fountain of electrons.

Further study of this byzantine work may reveal unsuspected profundities, but on first acquaintance it seems that the main function of the narrative puzzles is to throw a smoke-screen around an underlying fable of crashing sentimentality: namely that Hapgood, the superwoman, has gained professional success at the expense of her feminine fulfilment, and that she finally discovers that what counts most is motherhood.

To effect this change of heart, the play resorts to that tear-jerking stand-by — the threatened kidnap of her little boy.

Felicity Kendal, barking peremptory orders into her walkie talkie and throwing her weight around in the office (evidently situated under the Charing Cross arches in Carl Toms's set), does an efficient Superwoman number, but only comes to life in the role of her scatty twin sister, whose arrival in the corridors of power briefly jerks the piece into high-pressure comedy.

Of Nigel Hawthorne's Blair, there is little to be seen beyond urbane control and moments of blistering (if enigmatic) wrath: the part is written too close to the chest for much more to get through. Much the most effective performance is Roger Rees's Russian agent, an uninhibited impassioned temperament among all the buttoned-up British, and also the only character with good meaty speeches.

Irving Wardle

Back where he belongs

Sheridan Morley interviews Timothy Dalton, who switches from James Bond to Eugene O'Neill in London tonight in *A Touch of the Poet*

ZOË DOMINIC



Golden Bond: Timothy Dalton now has the freedom to choose

The production of Eugene O'Neill's *A Touch of the Poet* which the Comedy Theatre opens tonight, after a brief and standing-room-only season at the Young Vic, marks the centenary of O'Neill's birth and is the first-ever London staging of one of his most important late plays. It also establishes for the first time Timothy Dalton as a major classical player in the league of such contemporaries as Hopkins, Gambon, Jacobi and McKellen.

In a role that could have been written for John Barrymore, and was famously played in America by Jason Robards, he recreates the vainglorious, alcoholic Irish saloon keeper living on memories of triumph in Wellington's army. As a stage presence he will be hard to beat in any of this year's awards.

Dalton has been working in the classical theatre for many years, not least as a Barbican Hotspur for the RSC, and in a faintly uneasy and uneven Shakespearian partnership with Vanessa Redgrave at the Haymarket a couple of summers ago. But this time the Redgrave teaming has worked quite superbly, and happily for Dalton it comes at a moment when he is also forming queues around Leicester Square for what looks like being the longest-ever run of a James Bond movie, *The Living Daylights*.

"I suppose, in a way, that taking over as James Bond has given me a greater theatrical freedom to choose the work I really want to do, though nothing was ever planned quite as carefully as that. After the Haymarket Shakespeare season, the Duncan Weldon management asked Vanessa and me what else we might like to do in the West End, and after a great deal of reading and searching around, Vanessa remembered *A Touch of the Poet*, which she had once been asked to audition for in America. We didn't even know that it was the O'Neill centenary, nor did we know that Weldon had already acquired the London rights in *A Touch of the Poet* and was about to give them up, because he despaired of finding a cast who could play it.

"But as soon as Vanessa gave me the script I knew that we had to do it. This is just so funny and touching and moving and true a play that it has to be done, and the miracle for us was that no one in London had ever tried it before. The passion and the contradictions and the humour all ring so true, and we're even being asked now to take it back to New York after the Comedy season.

"Although it's a commercial production, Vanessa and I were very keen to restart it at the Young Vic because seat prices there are still so low that you really do get a young student audience.

"As soon as we started rehearsing, all the problems of the play, its focus on the Irish immigrants to America in the last century, its length and its detailed references to American politics of the period, seemed to get ironed out by the sheer strength of O'Neill's poetry: it's a play that grows all the time you do it."

Now 41, Timothy Dalton has had an unusually golden career: the child of an advertising executive, he got into Michael Croft's Youth Theatre in the generation of Helen Mirren and Kenneth Cranham, and from there to RADA, from where he landed a season at the Birmingham Rep under Peter Dews:

"He and Croft were my great teachers, and I was immensely lucky: in my first year out of drama school I got that Birmingham season, a transfer to the Vaudeville in *As You Like It*, a television series with Malcolm McDowell, and the offer from Peter O'Toole to audition for *Lion in Winter*, which I made while I was still 21.

"It all seemed to be happening far too fast, and I got very nervous about my own lack of experience, so as soon as the filming was over I went back into Rep in Birmingham and Coventry, and from then on I tried not to spend too much time away from the theatre, though big films, like *Mary Queen of Scots* and *Wuthering Heights*, came along fairly fast.

"Still, I was nervous about being away from the theatre, where I knew I really belonged. So from 1970 to 1975 I decided to make no films at all, staying instead with the RSC and Prospect on stage, only then to discover that nobody in films had the faintest idea who I was, because memories there seem to be very much shorter than in the theatre.

"There was no money around on stage, so I had to rebuild a film career, and I discovered the wonderful world of international television mini-series, like *Centennial* and *Sins*, which pay enough to let you go back to the theatre whenever you like.

"You may occasionally have to turn up on screen in appalling scripts, but as long as you make your own performance work, and genuinely do the best you can with the dialogue they give you, then I don't think there's any real dishonour. Life isn't all jam: you have to do the bread and butter work as well.

"Unofficially we're already talking about the next 007, and in the meantime I've done a wonderful script called *Hawks*, about a man at death's door escaping to Amsterdam to discover what life is all about; and I know they would never have raised the money on that one if it hadn't been for the Bond. Never knock a success, especially if it pays for something you really believe in."

CONCERT

BBCSO/ Rozhdestvensky
Festival Hall/Radio 3

After years of writing music for cartoon films, the Russian composer Soffya Gubaydulina has suddenly, in her mid-fifties, become the object of the keenest interest, at least in the west. She has profited from the awareness of unofficial music that recent Soviet liberalization has facilitated.

But, more than that, it is the intensity of her work — a quite peculiar intensity, wholly detached from the subjective — that has given her the following demonstrated last night by the considerable audience for her talk before the BBC Symphony Orchestra's performance, under Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, of her symphony "*Stimmen . . . verstummen*".

The "voices struck dumb" of this work are, as she explained, those of her *Perception*, an epistolary exchange of interior intimacies with a German poet, scored for male and female solo singers with strings. In the symphony there are no human voices, but the conversation continues in the alternation between what she described as static and active movements, six of each.

The performance, though, revealed stasis as the work's essential nature, with much repetition of its often bold gestures — gusts of wind, chimings, abrupt revelations of the organ, circling chromatic figures — between the recurrences of the D major chord that characterizes the ostensibly static sections. These "tonal" passages have a curiously frail radiance, imperilled by bow noises, flute flutter-tonguings and the danger of a disappearance into the high treble.

And Gubaydulina's handling of the orchestra is just as telling elsewhere in the work. Her placing of cellos and double basses to the front seemed to help her create the impression of resonating objects, so that the orchestra might be a heavy bell or a fragile glass vessel.

She also has, perhaps like Messiaen in this respect, an innocence of vulgarity. The main climax of the symphony comes with the two brass groups standing to blare at one another, and later there is a passage of trumpets and drums in crescendo leading to a further, rather Shostakovich-like outburst from the brass.

But these were just incidental symptoms of the certainty with which Gubaydulina writes, using the ambiguous, confused, vacillating means of late 20th-century music with blazing conviction. That is what made this performance so powerful, and so baffling.

Paul Griffiths

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LONDON

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Astoria Theatre, 157 Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-434 0403). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Tonight, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Mon and Tues 7.30-10.30pm, Sun 2-5pm and 7-10pm, £8-£10.

☆ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT:** Hit black blues show, with Carol Woods, Sarah Woollett, Helen Gelzer and Peter Straker singing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8pm and 9-11pm, £8.50-£14.50. (D)

☆ **THE BRIGADIER/UNCLE MORT:** Peter Tinniswood's prejudiced and splenetic pair given facades and flesh by William Rushton, with Sam Kelly and David Adams in attendance. Until March 9.
Lyric Studio Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mats Sat 4-6.15pm, £5.

☆ **CURTAINS:** Award-winning play with great cast led by Annette Crosbie, Alfred Lynch and Ralph Nossek; touching, shot through with humour, though the subject is how to help granny die.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (01-930 7765). Tube: Embankment. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm and 8.45-11pm, £8.50-£13.50.

☆ **THE MIRACLE WORKER:** William Gibson's celebrated play showing how blind young Helen Keller learnt to communicate; with Hildegard Neil, Daryl Back and Ian Laverider.
Westminster Theatre, Palace Street, SW1 (01-834 0283). Tube: Victoria. Tues-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed and Thurs 2.30-5pm, and Sat 3-5.30pm, £5.50-£12.50.

☆ **NITE CLUB CONFIDENTIAL:** Ruth Madoc in American pastiche musical; a steamy love triangle set in the glitzy world of Fifties night clubs.
Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (01-839 4401). Tube: Embankment. Mon-Thurs 8-10.30pm, Fri and Sat, 6-8.30pm, and 9-11.30pm, £6.50-£14.50.

☆ **ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST:** New Vic Theatre Company under Robin Midgley touring with the celebrated play of the film of the book. Rebellion, pathos and comic mayhem in a US asylum.
Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway, London SW19 (01-540 0362). Tube: Wimbledon. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Thurs 2.30pm, £4-£6.50.

☆ **THE POSSIBILITIES:** Ten short plays by Howard Barker, ranging in setting from Biblical times to now. Until March 19.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Daily 8pm (except Sun), £4.50-£7.50.

☆ **SHIRLEY VALENTINE:** New Willy Russell play: outstanding performance by Pauline Collins as the downtrodden housewife tempted by a Greek island.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, mat Wed 2.30-4.45pm, £6-£13.50.

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OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: ☆ **Much Ado About Nothing:** Directed by Dame Judi Dench, the second Shakespeare comedy from Renaissance Theatre Company stars Kenneth Branagh and Samantha Bond as Benedick and Beatrice.
Repertory Studio Theatre, Broad Street (021 236 4455), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £6.50-£8.50.

DERBY: ☆ **A Doll's House:** New production by Annie Castledine, with Barbara Peirson slamming the door as Nora.
Playhouse, Eagle Centre (0332 363275), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£5.50.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **The Cherry Orchard:** Anna Carteret signs for the cherry blossom in Chekhov's masterpiece.
Crucible Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922), Mon-Fri 7.30, Sat 8pm, £4-£6.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
✉ **Advance booking possible**

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immeculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 2.10, 4.20 6.35, 8.50.

BARFLY (18): Charles Bukowski wrote the script for this humorous, semi-autobiographical look at life in a seedy Los Angeles bar With Mickey Rourke as a self-styled poet of the bottle, and Faye Dunaway as his equally alcoholic companion. Barbet Schroeder directs (99 min).
✉ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.25.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.15, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 1.40, 3.45, 5.50, 8.05, 10.10.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 7.00, 9.00.

LITTLE DORRIT (U): Worthy and painstaking Dickens adaptation in two three-hour parts with Sarah Pickering as the daughter born in a debtor's prison. Derek Jacobi and a lengthy cast of notables. Directed by Christine Edzard (180 min).
Curzon Phoenix (01-240 9561). Progs Part 1; Mon, Wed 12.30, Fri, Sat, Sun, Tues, Thurs 4.00, Fri, Mon, Wed 7.30. Part 2; Fri, Sat, Tues, Thurs 12.30, Mon, Wed 4.00; Sat, Sun, Tues, Thurs 7.30.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs Part 1; Fri, Sat, Sun, Tues, Thurs 3.30, Fri, Mon, Wed 7.15. Part 2; Mon, Wed 3.30, Sat, Sun, Tues, Thurs, 7.15.

A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY (PG): Two soldiers, battered by the First World War, come to terms with their problems in a remote Yorkshire village. Directed by Pat O'Connor, with Colin Firth, Kenneth Branagh and Natasha Richardson (104 min).
✉ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

■ **NO WAY OUT (15):** Polished version of a *film noir* classic, *The Big Clock*, with a new Pentagon setting and a few extra twists. Gene Hackman plays the Defence Secretary with a crime to cover up; Kevin Costner is the luckless investigator. Roger Donaldson directs (114 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.45, 8.25.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.20.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
✉ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 12.40, 3.10, 5.45, 8.25.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.25, 3.45, 6.05, 8.30.

REPENTANCE (PG): Tragi-comic treatment of the Stalinist nightmare from Georgian director Tenghiz Abuladze, centring on the life and death of a vicious small-town bureaucrat. Completed in 1982 but only recently released (150 min).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.55, 6.05, 9.15.

■ **WISH YOU WERE HERE (15):** David Leland's poignant comedy about a teenage girl's sexual adventures in a drab seaside town. Marvellous playing by Emily Lloyd (92 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.30, 6.15, 8.55.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 2.40, 4.25, 6.30, 8.35.
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
✉ **Odeon High Street Kensington** (01-602 6644). Prog 1.45, 4.00.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.20, 4.30, 6.40, 8.50.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **LONDON FLAUTISTS:** Under the title "London's Flautists 1700-50", Nancy Hadden, baroque flute, and Maggie Cole, harpsichord, play flute pieces composed for concert rooms in the time of Queen Anne and King George I, including works by Handel, Loeillet and Stanley.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1.15pm, £1.50.

EVENING

☆ **ALL DVORAK:** The Elysian Piano Trio perform Dvorák's Piano Trio in F minor Op 65.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 6pm, £2.50-£4.50.

☆ **BACH'S PASSION:** The Choir of King's College, Cambridge, Baroque Orchestra and soloists combine under the baton of Stephen Cleobury for a performance, in German, of Bach's St John Passion.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7pm, £5-£12.

☆ **WELLER/RPO:** Walter Weller conducts the RPO in Dvorák's Carnival Overture, Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 (Louis Lortie, soloist) and the Mussorgsky-Ravel Pictures at an Exhibition.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.15pm, £4-£20.

☆ **PIERS LANE:** This excellent pianist offers the Bach-Busoni Chaconne, Chopin's Sonata Op 58, Brahm's Handel Variations and Scriabin's Etudes Op 65.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **APOLLINAIRE'S CALLIGRAMMES:** The Triple Echo ensemble performs Calligrammes d'Apollinaire by Poole, Nicholls's Duo, Nicholson's Alla luna, Connolly's Three Poems of Wallace Stevens. Solo pianist Phillip Houlihan plays Chopin's Sonata Op 35, Mendelssohn's Variations sérieuses, Haydn's Fantasia Hob XVII/4.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800) 7.30pm, £3-£5.

☆ **IONIAN EVENT:** Timothy Salter conducts the Ionian Singers in Kodály's Missa Brevis, Janáček's Ócenás, Sibelius's Rakastava and David's Lament by Seiber.
St Margaret's Church, Westminster, London SW1 (01-733 6719), 7.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **BISHOP-KOVACEVICH CONDUCTS:** The Bournemouth Sinfonietta is conducted by Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich in Beethoven's Symphony No 4, Haydn's Symphony No 83 "The Hen", and he solos in Mozart's Piano Concerto No 12.
Weymouth Pavilion, The Esplanade, Weymouth (0305 783225), 7.30pm, £3.20-£7.

☆ **ROMEO, JULIET:** Stanislaw Skrowaczewski conducts the Hallé Choir, Orchestra and soloists in Berlioz's Dramatic Symphony.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712), 7.30pm, £2-£10.

☆ **ALL BEETHOVEN:** The London Soloists' Chamber Orchestra continue their Beethoven concerto series under David Josefowitz with Kathryn Stott, solo, in Piano Concerto No 5 "Emperor" and the Furniss-Baillie-Stott Trio in the Triple Concerto. First, though, comes the Egmont Overture.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4-£9.

☆ **MORE BEETHOVEN:** John Lill continues his complete sequence of the piano sonatas with Opp 2 No 2, 13 "Pathétique", 78 and 109.
Turner Sims Concert Hall, Southampton University, Southampton (0703 581576), 8pm, £5.

☆ **TRIBUTE TO LANDON:** Rachel Sherry (soprano), Michael Lee (tenor), Rosalind Sergeant (cello) and James Vickers (piano) perform works by Sir Landon Ronald, John Ireland, Stanford and Delius.
British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567), 7.30pm, free.

OPERA

☆ **CAV AND PAG:** Revival of Ian Judge's 1986 production for English National Opera with lively casts including Arthur Davies, Angela Feeney, Malcolm Donnelly and Alan Opie.
English National Opera, Colisseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.20pm, £2-£21.50. (D)

DANCE

★ **RHAPSODY IN BLUE:** Richard Alston's latest creation for Rambert Dance Company, with works by Siobhan Davies and Michael Clark.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 539797), 7.30-9.45pm, £3.50-£7.50.



The duo in search of a dream

Tracey Thorn and Ben Watt (above), the husband-and-wife duo who trade as Everything But The Girl, remain somewhere near the top of the class of mellifluous under-achievers that includes the likes of Prefab Sprout, Carmel and Working Week. Even their record company biography, that bastion of positive thinking, concludes that in the space of four years EBTG has "without question, trodden water". The couple met at Hull University and released their most successful single, "Each And Everyone", in the summer of 1984, a period of jazzy lyricism in pop encouraged by the brief but resounding success of Sade's breathy, stylized brand of torch singing. The occasional dash of politics in the lyrics, coupled with the unfailingly demure nature of the melodies, has made EBTG's music popular with progressive arbiters and easy-listening Radio 2 DJs, but has never fully clicked with the wider pop audience. The duo's tour to promote their fourth album, *Idlewild*, starts tonight, Loughborough University Students' Union, Ashby Road (0509 217766), 7.30pm, £5; tomorrow, East Anglia University, Norwich (0603 505401); Saturday, Sheffield University (0742 724076); Sunday, Lancaster University (0524 65201); Tuesday, Pavilion, Glasgow (041 332 1846); Wednesday, Manchester Apollo (061 273 3775). *David Sinclair*

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending March 5

FICTION

1	**The Bonfire of the Vanities,** Tom Wolfe	*Cape*	£12.95
2	**The Temple,** Stephen Spender	*Faber & Faber*	£10.95
3	**Sharpe's Rifles,** Bernard Cornwell	*Collins*	£10.95
4	**The Weeping and the Laughter,** Noel Barber	*Hodder*	£12.95
5	**The Beautiful Room is Empty,** Edmund White	*Picador*	£ 9.95

NON-FICTION

1	**Maxwell: The Outsider,** Tom Bower	*Aurum*	£12.95
2	**Oscar Wilde,** Richard Ellmann	*Hamish Hamilton*	£16.95
3	**Le Manoir Aux Quat' Saisons,** R Blanc	*Macdonald*	£17.50
4	**Elizabeth Takes Off,** Elizabeth Taylor	*Macmillan*	£12.95
5	**A Retrospective,** David Hockney	*Thames & Hudson*	£29.95

PAPERBACKS

1	**Between the Woods and the Water,** Patrick Leigh Fermor	*Penguin*	£ 3.95
2	**What Hetty Did,** J L Carr	*Carr*	£ 3.95
3	**Historic Houses, Castles and Gardens**	*British Leisure*	£ 3.50
4	**Cellnet Guide to Hotels and Restaurants,** Egon Ronay	*A A Publications*	£ 9.95
		Pan	£ 4.99
5	**The Fatal Shore,** Robert Hughes	*Fontana*	£ 3.50
6	**Windmills of the Gods,** Sidney Sheldon		
7	**Modern British Short Stories,** Malcolm Bradbury	*Penguin*	£ 4.95
8	**Good Food Guide,** Ed. Drew Smith	*Hodder*	£10.95
9	**Sharpe's Siege,** Bernard Cornwell	*Fontana*	£ 2.95
10	**The Last Emperor,** Edward Behr	*Futura*	£ 3.95

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

☆ **BIG JOE DUSKIN:** Seen recently on the South Bank Show, the American blues pianist is a master of boogie-woogie.
Norwich Arts Centre, Reeves Yard, St Benedict's Street (0603 660352), 8pm, £3.80.

☆ **LOOSE TUBES:** A fortnight's residency marks the release of the orchestra's new album *Open Letter* which, in between the jokes, contains some of their best work.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

★ **DUTCH SWING COLLEGE BAND:** Continuing the tour by the apparently indestructible ensemble, established 1945.
Burnett Arms Hotel, High Street, Banchory (03302 4944), 7.30pm, £6.50.

☆ **EBERHARD WEBER:** A solo performance by the German bass virtuoso, a regular fixture on the ECM label.
Band on the Wall, Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6625), 8.30pm, £3.

☆ **GUEST STARS:** Farewell tour by the feminist fusion band. The LP *Live in Berlin* provides a vigorous epitaph.
Brewery Arts Centre, 122 Highgate, Kendal (0539 25133), 8.30pm, £3.50.

ROCK

☆ **THE RAINMAKERS:** Kansas city rockers who breached the UK Top 20 chart last year with *Let My People Go-Go*.
International, 47 Anson Road, Manchester (061 224 5050), 8pm, £3.50-£4.

☆ **ALI FARKA TOURE:** Return of the powerful performer from Mali, much featured on Andy Kershaw's radio show, and sometimes referred to as the John Lee Hooker of African guitar.
Gardner Centre, Sussex University, Falmer, Brighton (0273 685861), 7.45pm, £3-£4.50.

☆ **ZODIAC MINDWARP AND THE LOVE REACTION:** Witty, unashamedly fatuous biker fantasies from the self-styled *Tattooed Beat Messiah*.
Barrowlands, 244 Gallowgate, Glasgow (041 552 4601), 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **THE FALL:** Mark E. Smith presiding over a line-up that has proved the most commercially successful of the group's nine-year history.
Lemon Grove, Cornwall House, Exeter University (0392 263528), 8pm, £4.50-£5.

GALLERIES

DAVID BOMBERG (1890-1957): An exhibition of paintings and drawings coinciding with the Tate Gallery's major exhibition about this artist.
Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, London SW1 (01-839 3942). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until April 8.

CHARLES HOLDEN (1875-1960): Drawings and models tracing the career of the architect most famous for London University and several period Underground stations.
RIBA Heinz Gallery, 21 P[illegible]rtman Square, London W1 (01-[illegible]80 5533). Mon-Fri 11am-5pm, Sa[illegible] 10am-1pm, free, until April 23.

KEN PAINE: Portrait pastels and paintings.
Jablonski Gallery, 16 Woodstock Street, London W1 (01-629 4419). Mon-Fri 10.30am-5.30pm, Sat 11am-4pm, free, until April 8.

AMANDA BENSON: Ingenious painted sculptures of shoes made from tin cans.
Stephane Kelian, 49 Sloane Street, London SW1 (01-789 8387). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until March 30.

JOHN KEANE: Paintings based on the political realities of life in Nicaragua by an important young history painter.
Angela Flowers Gallery, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (01-637 3089). Mon-Fri 10.30am-6pm, Sat 10.30am-12.30pm, free, until March 26.

TALKS

UNIVERSITY LECTURE: Professor Mogens Schou, of Aarhus University, on Lithium treatment of manic depressive illnesses.
Leicester University, Clinical Sciences Lecture Theatre, Leicester, 12.30pm, free.

TATE LECTURE: James Malpas on Whistler and the aesthetic revolt.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), 1pm, free.

ANNUAL TAWNEY LECTURE: Jeremy Isaacs discusses the future of television.
Regent's College, Regent's Park, London (01-981 6719), 7pm, £3.

RUBENS'S WOMEN: Lecture by Felicity Woolf on two female portraits by Rubens and Van der Helst.
The National Gallery, Room 22, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

WALKS

POLITICAL LONDON: meet Westminster tube, 11am, £3 (also next Thurs).

PUBS, SMUGGLERS, PIRATES AND PRESSGANGS: meet Tower Hill tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

OTHER EVENTS

ADVANCED LEARNING EXHIBITION: More than 350 courses in colleges and institutes of further education — including technical, agricultural and art — with explanations by those who run them.
Edinburgh Exhibition and Trade Centre, Ingliston Showground, Edinburgh (031 333 2843). Today, tomorrow and Sat, 9am-6pm, free.

CREWKERNE AUCTION: Plush teddy bears and some superb bisque dolls — including several Armand Marseilles — are among the lots in a sale of dolls, toys, mechanical music, Eastern carpets and rugs, and modern and antique sporting guns and firearms. Viewing before the sale.
Lawrence of Crewkerne, South Street, Crewkerne, Somerset (0460 73041). Sale begins 11am. Carpets and rugs after 1pm.

MUSEUM WORKSHOP — WORLD WAR TWO SOE MAPS: SOE stands for Special Operations Executive and these "escape and evade" maps, often printed on underwear or handkerchiefs, were given to pilots and other operatives going into enemy territory.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699), 1.10pm, free.

"FINAL DEMANDS": Peter Reading (first Dylan Thomas award and 1986 Whitbread prizewinner) with poems from his latest collection.
Poetry Society, National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, London SW5 (01-373 7861). Reception 6.30pm, reading 7.30pm, £3, student £2.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

THE KNOT GARDEN: New production of Tippett's opera produced by Nicholas Hytner. Cast includes Rodney Macann and Anne Howells. From April 29.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911). Postal booking opens today. Personal/phone booking from April 2.

ROYAL BALLET: Postal booking opens today for May, with revival of Frederick Ashton's *Ondine*, with music by Hans Werner Henze (gala night May 10), *Serenade*, *Bugaku* and *The Concert*. Plus further performances of *Swan Lake*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

RED ARMY ENSEMBLE: MOSCOW MILITARY DISTRICT: More than 100 performers present folk songs, traditional dances and orchestral pieces, in colourful costume and with traditional Russian instruments. Two-month UK tour, April/May, includes Birmingham, Bristol, Paignton, Southampton, Eastbourne, Nottingham, Scarborough. Details 01-439 2244.

LAST CHANCE

THE EARLY CAMERA: Examples include Junior Sanderson quarter-plate; photos of the Gandolfi brothers making traditional wooden and brass cameras. Ends today.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

SIX WAYS: Ceramics by important British potters, including Steve Buck and Sara Radstone.
Anatol Orient, 318 Portobello Road, London W10 (01-969 4119). Ends Sat.

BARBARA LANDER: Sculptures in the gallery.
London College of Furniture, 41 Commercial Road, London E1. 10am-8pm, free. Ends tomorrow.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

RATHERIPE
(c) Early ripe, or (as a noun) an early-ripening variety, from the Old English *rathe* quick, eager, early, similar to the Old High German *(h)rind*.

SMEECH
(a) SW dialect for something less than smoke, more like fumes, often as a verb: "What's smeechin' in 'ere? East wind down chimley again, is 'a?" Cf. Scots *smeek, smoke*, and *smeik*, all variants of *smoke*.

OSELA
(b) The medal of a bird, ordered by the Doge as a substitute for the real birds usually presented to Venetian nobles on New Year's Day.

ELENCHUS
(b) In philosophy a logical refutation, adjective *elenctic*, it is applied to indirect methods of proof such as cross-examination, as opposed to direct methods *(deictic)* such as syllogism; from the Greek *elegkos* refutation.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 01-638 8891/01-628 8795 No perf Tom's. Tomor 7.45 **LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Bramwell Tovey (cond) Gil Shaham (violin).

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC (928 8800) Tonight 7.30 pm **RPO.** Walter Weller. Leslie Stannard: Dvorak Overture. Carnival: Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No 2: Mussorgsky/Ravel Pictures at an Exhibition

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066 / 1911. Cheapy info 836 6903. 5 CC 65 accpnt seats avail on the day. Tom't 7.30 **THE ROYAL BALLET Serenade / Bugaku / "Still Life" at the Penguin Cafe.** Bal let casting info 240 9816. Sat 1st casting info 240 9816. Sat 7.30 **THE ROYAL OPERA** Un balio in maschera.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. Until 19 Mar Eves 7.30, Sat mat 2.30 **The Sadler's Wells Opera** present: Noel Coward's **BITTER SWEET.**

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax.
6.35 Blondes and Redheads in *Hunger Pains* (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news on the *hour and half-hour*. Regional news and travel updates at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.15**.
8.55 Regional News and weather.
9.00 News and weather, followed by Open Air. Pattie Coldwell receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To contribute ring 061 814 0424.
9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on whether or not women who dress provocatively are inviting trouble. Among the guests are a former judge, policemen and lawyers.
10.00 News and weather, followed by Going for Gold (r).
10.25 Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings, followed by Play School with Wayne Jackman, Elizabeth Watts and Iain Lauchlan, and The Adventures of Spot told by Paul Nicholas (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven with Martin Muncaster.
11.00 News and weather, followed by Open Air which discusses last night's documentary *Dianne's Children*, and talks to the producer of *Surprise Surprise*.
12.00 News and weather, followed by Daytime Live with Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh, and Judi Spiers. Style expert Cathy McGowan talks about fashion.
12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather.
1.30 Neighbours. Scott receives an exciting phone call. **1.50** Going for Gold
2.15 John Mills – Eighty Years On. The English actor reflects on his film and stage career (Ceefax) (r).
3.05 Best of British. A celebration of 50 years of films from the Rank Studios with clips from musicals such as *Evergreen* and *London Town* (r).
3.30 The Flintstones (r).
3.50 Henry's Cat in Transylvania (r). **4.10** SuperTed (r). **4.15** Nicobobinus read by Tony Robinson. **4.30** Around the World with Willy Fog. **4.55** Newsround. **5.05** Blue Peter with *Mark Curry, Caron Keating* and Yvette Fielding.
5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops with Vanessa Paradis, Johnny Hates Jazz, Belinda Carlisle, the Primitives, Taja Sevelle and Kylie Minogue.
7.30 EastEnders. Kathy, Lou and Michelle are busily preparing for a family celebration, but Lou is put out by the arrival of an uninvited guest (Ceefax).
8.00 Tomorrow's World includes a report on science in China – who can boast one of the world's most powerful particle accelerators and who are planning to put men in space.
8.30 Mastermind from Colchester Castle. Specialist subjects are the life and music of Kurt Weill, the British home front in the Second World War, the life and times of Queen Alexandra (1844-1925), and the life of Nancy Astor.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 All the Best of Dave Allen. Highlights from the Irish comedian's series (r).
10.00 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests in Belfast are Nuala O'Faolain, and MPs Harold McCusker, Merlyn Rees and George Younger.
11.00 The Untouchables (b/w). Eliot Ness and his team on the trail of Al Capone's alcohol distillers.
11.50 Weather, closedown.

BBC2

6.55 Open University. Until **7.20am. 9.00** Ceefax.
9.35 Daytime on Two: Basic skills in Spanish **9.52** The Tudors **10.15** Cleaning **10.38** Packaging **11.00** In the Air **11.15** Queen Victoria's Children **11.35** *Hazards of alcohol* **12.05** Producing energy **12.25** Alternative healing **12.50** Beyond the classroom **1.20** Hokey Cokey (r) **1.38** Sleeping Beauty.
2.00 *News and weather, followed by* Watch: The Elements. Fire.
2.15 World Bowls. Second round of the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship from Alexandra Palace. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**.
4.00 Catchword. Word game presented by Paul Coia.
4.30 World Bowls.
5.30 Holiday 88 visits Tuscany and Lloret del Mar (Ceefax) (r).
6.00 World Bowls.
7.00 Cover to Cover. Journalist Phillip Knightley reviews three books: *Out of this World* by Graham Swift, *Oradour: Massacre and Aftermath* by Robin Mackness and *In Flagrante* by Chris Killip.
7.30 The Education Programme. Thirty secondary school children air their views about the education system and talk about how to change it.
8.00 Out of Court. Ed Boyle reports on the dangers of "easy credit".
8.30 Natura. Michael Buerk and his team examine Britain's 10 dirtiest rivers to try to discover why our waterways are so polluted by industrial waste and sewage.
9.00 *Dogfood Dan and the* Carmarthen Cowboy. Last in the comedy series about the double-dealing lorry drivers and their two-timing wives.
9.30 *40 Minutes: I, Alison.* (see Choice) (Ceefax).
10.15 Cabaret at the Jongleurs. Morris Minor and the Majors introduce comedy and music from, among others, the Flamin' Hamsters, Nick Revell and John Sparkes.
10.45 Newsnight includes Charles Wheeler with an analysis of Super Tuesday's results. **11.30** Weatherview.
11.35 World Bowls.
12.10 Weekend Outlook.
12.15 Open University. Ends **12.45.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am includes Good Morning Britain, with domestic and international news, at **6.30** and **8.00** for half an hour. The After Nine guests include Claire Rayner.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game presented by Michael Parkinson. **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines.
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . Sue King chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10** Puddle Lane **11.25** Thames news headlines.
11.30 Hometown. Roy Hudd is in *Nottingham where he meets* residents who reminisce; visits the Goose Fair; and travels by tandem **12.00** The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian *family during the 1940s.*
12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50** Thames news.
1.00 What's My Line? Odd occupations quiz presented by Penelope Keith **1.30** Falcon Crest. Drama serial starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch of a California wine dynasty **2.25** Home Cookery Club. Apple and Custard Puffs
2.30 All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden presents newsreel clips of the 1963 tour of Australia by The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh **3.00** Gems. Rag trade serial, set in London **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial
4.00 Creepy Crawlies **4.10** The Moomins (r). **4.20** The Sooty Show with Matthew Corbett and Nicko McBrain **4.45** Dennis **4.50** Erasmus Microman takes Ben and Jane to meet Galileo. (Oracle)
5.15 Connections. Quiz game presented by Sue Robbie.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Has Nick thrown away his future? Starring Cy Chadwick
7.00 Sporting Triangles introduced by Nick Owen. This week Jimmy Greaves, Tessa Sanderson and Andy Gray are joined by Frank Bruno, Nick Skelton and Roy Aitken
7.30 Just for Laughs. A compilation of clips from British comedy films (r).
8.00 Busman's Holiday. Travel quiz for teams.
8.30 This Week: Brothels, Bribes and Nuclear Waste. John Taylor reports from Germany and Belgium where competition in the nuclear waste business has led to a bribes scandal involving *millions of pounds.*
9.00 L.A. Law. Drama series set in the offices of a high-powered Los Angeles law firm.
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes includes an interview with President Reagan in the White House **10.30** Thames news
10.35 The City Programme previews the budget and examines the possible effects of a reduction in tax rates.
11.05 61- for London. A critical guide to London's entertainment scene. Followed by Crimestoppers.
11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama serial about an Australian women's prison
12.30am A Problem Aired. Viewers' sexual and emotional problems discussed by experts
1.00 Journey to the Unknown: Somewhere in a Crowd. A tale of the supernatural.
2.00 News headlines followed by Film: From Noon Till Three (1975) starring Charles Bronson. Comedy western about the adventures of an outlaw who loses his horse on the way to robbing a bank. Directed by Frank D. Gilroy.
4.00 News headlines followed by Too Close to Comfort. Comedy series.
4.30 America's Top Ten (r).
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. Two programmes for children.
1.00 Women: The Way Ahead. Open College series about women who wish to return to work *after bringing up a family* (r). (Oracle).
1.30 The Marketing Mix examines "brand potential" (Oracle) (r).
2.00 The Parliament Programme.
2.30 *Woman in View* (r).
3.00 Film: Fires Were Started (1943, b/w). Semi-documentary about London's fire fighters during the Blitz. Directed by Humphrey Jennings.
4.20 Yorkshire Ditty. David Hand's animated short made in the 1940s.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz.
5.00 Waterloo Road (1944, b/w). Wartime drama starring John Mills as a soldier who hears his wife (Joy Shelton) has fallen under the spell of a flashy spiv (Stewart Granger). With Alastair Sim. Directed by Sidney Gilliat.
6.25 Rainbow Dance. Animator Len Lye's GPO information film made in the 1930s.
6.30 The Sharp End reports on Aids in the workplace; and the growth of *employee share-ownership* plans.
7.00 Channel 4 News (Oracle).
7.50 Comment and weather.
8.00 Take Six Cooks. Paul Gayler, head chef of London's Inigo Jones demonstrates his special Menu Potager – comprising eight or nine vegetable courses.
8.30 Treasure Hunt in West Sussex (Oracle).
9.30 Film: A Private Function (1984). Maggie Smith and Michael Palin star in Alan Bennett's prize-winning comedy about social *climbing, rationing and the* eccentricities of the English middle classes. With Denholm Elliott, Richard Griffiths, Liz Smith and Alison Steadman. Directed by *Malcolm Mowbray.*
11.20 Ilelksen. Dennis O'Rourke's documentary about Papua New Guinea's first elections.
12.25 Film: Celeste (1981). Biopic concentrating on the last nine years of novelist Marcel Proust's life. With Eve Mattes and Jurgen Arndt. Subtitled. Percy Adlon directs. Ends **2.25am.**

Love and Alison John

TELEVISION CHOICE



Wedding day: Alison and Mark, whose story is told in *tonight's 40 Minutes film* on BBC2, *at* 9.30pm

● Viewers with card index memories may remember Alison French, who has twice been the subject of BBC documentaries. She is a bubbly, extrovert young woman who has dedicated her life to overcoming the disability of *being an athetoid spastic*, which means that her body constantly shakes and she has a severe speech impediment. Ann Paul's film for *40 Minutes* (BBC2, 9.30pm) follows Alison, now 24, through her wedding to a Welsh curate, while recalling her earlier life and charting her attempts to find a job working with young people. What emerges is Alison's battle against a sys*tem that makes no distinction* between physical disability and mental handicap. Though her condition is brain damage, the symptoms are purely physical. But being handicapped she was given little opportunity to develop her normal (probably above normal) intelligence. What also emerges is her determination not to be crushed by unequal odds. As Alison says, with a hint of self-mockery: "Being a *woman is bad enough*; being disabled just adds to that. If I was black I'd cap it all, wouldn't I?". She never thought she would get married, because she did not feel she had anything to offer anyone. But she met Mark John on a course, thought he was just a drunken Welsh Rugby player who sang rude songs, and fell in love. A qualified youth-in-community worker, Alison has now to overcome *the hurdle of acceptance* into the job market. This is a sympathetic, unsentimental, portrait of a girl who has boldly taken her shaking body and slurred speech out into the normal world and has not been prepared to accept second best.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see below)
News on the *half-hour* from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (with Ian Parkinson) **12.45** Johnnie Walker **3.00** Steve Wright and Nicky Campbell (live from the Guinness World of Records at the Trocadero, London) **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.00** *Substance* (early work of Joy Division) **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw. **FM** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1)
Sports Round-Up **6.50am** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Charles Nove **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** Harry Carpenter **7.00** Country Club **9.00** Paul Jones **10.10** The News Huddlines **10.30** Star Sound Cinema **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Steve Madden **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times are given in GMT
6.05am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Juke Box Dury **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** The Story of English **10.00** News **10.01** Assignment **10.30** The Good Human Guide **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** A Letter from England **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Jazz Scene UK **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Write On... **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Assignment **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter from England **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Radio Active **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News **9.01** Talking From... **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** A Letter from England **10.30** *Financial News* **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Seven Seas **11.30** Time For Verse **11.40** Farming World **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** *News* **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Jazz Scene UK **1.45** Talking From... **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Health Matters **2.30** Citizens **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four *Eight* **4.35** *Financial News* **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: The State and Economic Intervention **8.55** News and weather
7.00 Concert: recordings of Schumann's Overture, Scherzo, and Finale Op 52 (Dresden State Orchestra under Wolfgang Sawallisch), Sibelius's The Bard, Op 64 (Bournemouth SO under Paavo Berglund) **7.30** News bulletin
7.35 Concert (continued): Dvorak's Five Bagatelles Op 47 (Berlin Philharmonic Octet members), Larsson's Pastorale Suite (Stockholm PO under Ulf Björlin), and Haydn's Sinfonia Concertante in B flat, Op 84 (London Festival Orchestra under Ross Pople) **8.30** News bulletin
8.35 Composers of the Week: Busoni. Recordings of Tanzwalzer, Op 53 (Philharmonia under Igor Markevitch); Toccata (Alfred Brendel, piano); Nocturne symphonique Op 43 (Liège *PO under Pierre* Bartholomée), Sonatina No 4 (Paul Jacobs, piano), and Sarabande and Cortège Op 51 (RPO under Daniel Revenaugh)
9.35 Josef Strauss: Johann Strauss Orchestra of Vienna under Willi Boskovsky play the waltz Mysterious Magnetic Forces; the polka-mazurka A Woman's Heart; the waltz Water Colours; The Jockey Polka; and the waltz Live, Laugh and Love
10.05 Piano duet: Richard Markham and David Nettle perform Grainger's Walking Tune; Let's Dance Gay in Green Meadow; Harvest Hymn; Bridge's Two Old English Songs – *Sally in* Our Alley, and Cherry Ripe; and Kenneth Leighton's Sonata, Op 92
10.50 Raphael Ensemble: *Hummel's Trio in E flat for* two violas and cello; and Mendelssohn's String Quintet in A, Op 18
11.50 NCOS Symphony Orchestra, under Graeme Jenkins. Britten's American Overture; Shostakovich's Symphony No 10
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Piano recital from Bristol: Dennis Lee plays Debussy's Images oubliées; Chopin's Sonata No 3 in B minor; and Debussy's L'isle joyeuse
2.00 Wind Music: BBC Scottish *SO members under Timothy* Reynish perform Ernst Toch's Spiel; Iain Hamilton's Chaining of Prometheus; and Holst's Hammersmith
2.35 Hans Hotter: the baritone (with pianist Hans Altmann) performs Schumann's song cycle Dichterliebe
3.10 BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes: Debussy's Prelude à l'apres-midi d'un faune; and Mahler's Symphony No 7. With an interval reading at **3.25**
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded *music selection*, presented by Roger Nichols
6.30 Bandstand: CWS (Glasgow) Band under Howard Snell. Farnon's Une vie de *matelot; and Philip Sparke's* The Year of the Dragon
7.00 News bulletin
7.05 Third Ear: a discussion about the impact on professional musicians of the Government's proposed Copyright Bill. With Michael Hall, journalist Barry Fox, and Robert Montgomery (of the Mechanical Copyright Protection Society)
7.30 European Broadcasting Union 20th Anniversary Season: Concert recorded in Belgrade. With Belgrade *Radio and Television* Orchestra and Choir, under Edward Colomer. Stevan Mokranjack's Requiem No 2; Stravinsky's Les Noces; C.P.E. Bach's Magnificat. With interval reading at **8.05**
9.00 The Sicilian Expedition: part two of this radio adaptation by Donald Bancroft of Thucydides's The Peloponnesian War (translation by Rex Warner): The Syracusans Prepare. With Edward de Souza as Thucydides
9.25 Psalms of Penitence: Consort of Musicke perform settings of Psalm 142 (Vulgate) by Croce, Franck, and Andrea Gabrieli
9.55 Music in Our Time: Hans Zender's Hölderlinlesen (Lee-Elisabeth Langer, with Leonardo String Quartet), Meredith Monk's One Man Cha-Cha (Anthony de Mare, piano and vocals), Kevin Volans's White Man Sleeps (with Blblane Lapointe and Kevin Volans, harpsichords; Margaret Tindemans, viola da gamba; and Robyn Schulkowsky, percussion)
11.00 Composers of the Week: recordings of Schubert's *Offertorium: Totus in corde* langueo, D 136; Erster Verlust, D 226; Piano Sonata in C, D 279; and the Singspiel Der vierjahrige Posten (r)
12.00 News bulletin
12.10 Wolf 88: Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (baritone) and Daniel Barenboim (piano) perform Denk' es o Seele. Ends at **12.10**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES:** 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **11.50-11.55** News and weather **SCOTLAND:** 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman **6.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm Today's sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Neighbours **8.30-9.00** Spotlight **11.50-11.55** News and weather **ENGLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **7.30-8.00** Bless This House **10.35** Folio **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Film: Beau Brummell' **2.00** Nashville Swing **2.30** Film: Cactus Jack **4.00-5.00** Survival Special.

BORDER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00-2.30** Look Who's Talking **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **7.30-8.00** Bless This House **10.35** Enterprise Challenge **11.05** Magnum **12.00** Easy Street **12.25am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **6.00** News **6.35-6.30** Police 5 **7.30-8.00** Bless This House **10.35** Central Lobby **11.05** Hunter **12.00** Bulseye **12.30am** Sportsworld **1.30** Film: In the Body of the Whale **3.25** Thursday Special **4.20-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12.50pm News **1.00** Problem Page **1.30** Country Practice **2.00-2.30** Gems **3.00-3.30** What's My Line? **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **7.30-8.00** Bless This House **10.35** Emergency 999 **10.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.35** McCalmans **12.05am** Guernsey French **12.10** Taxi **12.40** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.30** North Tonight **7.30-8.00** Bless This House **10.35** America's Top 10 **11.05** Crann Tara **11.35** Downtown **12.30** Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Granada Reports **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports **7.30-8.00** Bless This House **10.35** Celebration **11.30** 9 to 5 **12.00** Film: Salem's Lot **2.05** Sportsworld **3.05** California Highways **3.35** Rock of Europe **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **6.00-6.30** News **7.30-8.00** Bless This House **10.35** West This Week **11.15** Weekend Outlook **11.20** Film: The Monster From Hell **1.10am** Meltdown **2.10** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six **10.35** Wales This Week **11.05** How Green is my Country? **12.05am** Film: Frankenstein **1.50-2.20** Meltdown.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** Encounter **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.30** Scotland Today **7.30-8.00** Bless This House **10.35** Scottish Questions **11.20** Late Call **11.25** Crann Tara **12.00** Film: Salem's Lot **2.05am** Sportsworld **3.05** Californian Highway **3.35** Rock of Europe **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder.

TSW As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **1.30** Wish You Were Here? **2.00-2.30** Short Story **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.30** Today **7.30-8.00** Bless This House **10.35** Hunter **11.30** At the Maintenance Shop **12.00** Jerusalem **12.30am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:12.50pm News **1.00** Problem Page **1.30** Country Practice **2.00-2.30** Gems **3.00-3.30** What's My Line? **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **7.30-8.00** Bless This House **10.35** Emergency 999 **10.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.35** Agenda **12.05am** Employment Action! **12.10** Taxi **12.40** Sports Action Worldwide **1.40** America's Top Ten **2.10** Twilight Zone **3.10** Company.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **1.30-2.25** Man from UNCLE **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **7.30-8.00** Bless This House **10.35** Commercial Break **11.05** I Spy **12.05am** Say Yes to Life **12.10-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Newstime **1.30** Short Story Theatre **2.00-2.30** Out of Town **3.30-4.00** Bygones **6.00** Six Tonight **6.20-6.30** Police Six **7.30-8.00** Bless This House **10.35** Counterpoint **11.05** 9 to 5 **11.30** The Forum Presents **12.20am** Newsame, Closedown.

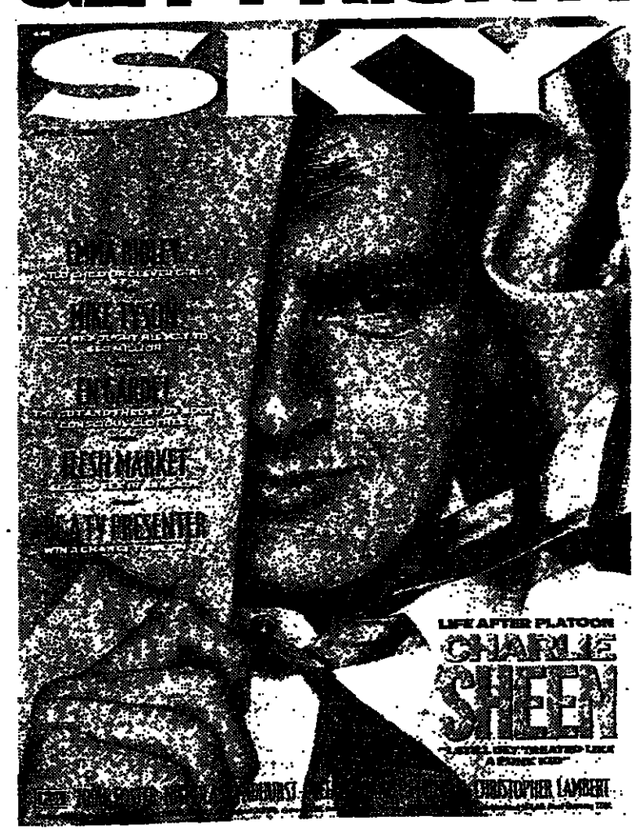
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S4C Starts:9.30am Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** *Fifteen to One* **1.00** Open College **2.00** Woman in View **2.30** Film: Rose of Washington Square' **4.10** Philabalaro **4.25** Hafloc **5.00** Family Ties **5.30** I Dream of Jeannie **6.00** Brookside **6.30** 4 What It's Worth **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Ehye **8.00** Cefin Gwyllt **8.35** Bless This Squid **10.05** Hill Street Blues **11.00** Tickets for the Titanic **12.00** Moochlag Through Georgia' **12.25am** Film: Celeste **2.25** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:3.00am 'Live' At Three **4.00** Dempsey's Den **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.35** Dan 6 Deahmas **4.48** Pat's Pals **5.00** Campbells **5.30** Ten Minute Tales **5.45** News **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.25** Garda Patrol **6.30** Know Your Sport **7.00** Evening News **7.30** Fleadh Cheoil **8.00** Moonlighting **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Cagney and Lacey **11.05** Brookside **11.35** News.

RTE 2 Starts:5.15pm *Emmerdale Farm* **5.40** Laurel and Hardy' **6.00** From Stone to Stone **6.30** Sullivans **7.00** Top of the Pops **7.30** Crossbow **8.00** Nuacht **8.10** Cursai **8.40** Mart and Market **8.45** Mailbag **9.00** Dynasty **9.55** Grand Tour **10.25** Newsnight **10.45** Mastermind **11.15** Nightsight, Closedown.

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5.55 am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00** and **8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News bulletin
9.05 Punters (new series): An opportunity for members of the public to make their own investigative radio programme. With Susan Marling and Nigel Farrell
9.30 Journey Round My People: Jamaican-born Londoner Ferdi Dennis visits six cities in search of the black communities who live there. (1) Liverpool (r)
10.00 News; *The Natural History* Programme: with Fergus Keeling
11.00 News; Travel: Citizens: the second of this week's episodes of When the Party's Over
11.25 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor in conversation with Jane Drew, Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects
11.50 English Now: David Crystal on the use of the English language, especially in respect of current attitudes to swearing.
12.00 News;You and Yours: with John Howard
12.25 Flying the Flag (new series): Comedy by Alex Shearer starring Dinsdale Landen as the ambassador at one of HM Embassies in a far-flung people's republic where *glasnost* has arrived (see Choice) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: the projected items include an interview with actress Felicity Kendall
3.00 News; *The Leisure* Pioneers: A rock 'n' roll comedy by Thomas McLaughlin. With Freddie Boardley and Julia Dearden in the cast (s)
4.00 News bulletin
4.05 Bookshelf: with Nigel Forde. Includes comment on Douglas Kennedy's Beyond the Pyramids
4.35 Kaleidoscope: Includes comment on The Last Supper, at the Royal Court; and the film Someone to Watch Over Me (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; incl Financial Report
6.30 Star Tark II: Repeat of the comedy series by Terry Ravenscroft, starring Jeffrey Holland, Christopher Goodwin, Susie Blake and *Fred Harris*
7.00 News Bulletin
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? An opportunity to raise some of the subjects tackled in last week's Any Questions? Introduced by Brian Gear
7.30 Pain: The Final Threshold! Dorothy Parker investigates the nature of pain, some old and new treatments, and visits one specialist clinic in Glasgow which helps sufferers cope with a life of pain (r)
8.15 Analysis: Adam Smith's Children. Peter Hennessy examines the prospects for an economic revival in Scotland
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine of special interest to the disabled
9.30 Kaleidoscope: the topics include the W.H. Smith Literary Awards; and Woven Air, the Bangladeshi fabrics exhibition at the Whitechapel Gallery in London
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Memoirs of a Midget, by Walder de la Mere (episode 4 of 15) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, including **12.30** weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast
FM as above except: **5.05-10.45 am** For Schools. **9.05** Preview **9.10** Together – An Assembly for Schools **9.30** Living Language **9.50** First Steps in Drama **10.10** Something to Think About **10.20** Tales of Narnia **11.00-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Teachers' Talk **11.05** In the News **11.30** Conservation – Now **11.50** Listening and Reading **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Looking at Nature **2.20** Nellie and the Dragon **2.30** Pictures in Your Mind (Poetry) **2.40** Listen! **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University **11.30** Poverty and Crime **11.50** Poetry: The Radical 1790s **12.10am** Music Interlude **12.30-1.10** Schools Night-Time Technology and Design

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RADIO CHOICE



Dinsdale Landen: Flying the Flag, Radio 4, 12.25pm

● As comical pillars of the Establishment go, Flying the Flag (Radio 4, 12.25pm) does not have anything like the structural strength of *Yes, Prime Minister*. But then, what other comedy series does? Yet the elegantly-carpentered Whitehall tales and the broader fun of Alex Shearer's stories of ambassadorial life in corners of foreign fields that are forever England, do have something in common – and that is good-natured mockery of high-level British indecision. In *Flying the Flag*, the principal butt is Dinsdale Landen's ambassador. There is a Ben Travers quality about Landen, and Shearer exploits it to the full in his scripts. The fun-poking process is helped tremendously, of course, by the British embassy's being sited in a bleak Iron Curtain country where British tourists light their cigarettes from the eternal flame on the tomb of the unknown warrior, and where H.M. Ambassador hides his bottle of whisky in the chandelier whenever a communist visitor is due.
● *BBC Radio Scotland's* hope-giving documentary **Pain – the Final Threshhold** is being repeated on Radio 4 at 7.30pm. *It is a double* prize-winner. Deservedly so.

Peter Davalle

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SAS squad will testify at inquest in Gibraltar

By Richard Wigg, Gibraltar, Michael Evans and Tony Dawe

The SAS team which shot dead three IRA terrorists in Gibraltar will give evidence at the inquest if the coroner insists, Ministry of Defence sources said last night.

In Gibraltar, Mr Felix Pizzarello, the coroner, confirmed that he wanted to call the men. But the MoD will insist that their identities are kept secret at the inquest, which is not expected to be held until May.

The men are certain to be questioned closely about the operation, in which the unarmed terrorists were shot several times.

The Ministry would prefer the men to be spared appearing at the inquest, but has decided to co-operate with the coroner subject to certain conditions. "We want to do what we can to help the coroner," said a source, "especially as he seems well aware of the security implications."

Mr Pizzarello said that he did not expect "any impediment" after remarks by Mrs Thatcher in the Commons. But he added: "I have as yet to identify the people responsible. The Press talk of the SAS but the Foreign Secretary has referred to 'military personnel'."

He said it would be the duty of his officials to locate them and report if there were any difficulties. "If I call these people who allegedly did the shooting their presence will have to be safeguarded, as well as my own safety and that of everyone else in court."

He said he would call a jury of eight people, who could bring in findings ranging from misadventure through manslaughter and murder to an open verdict.

After Tuesday night's discovery of the explosives in a car in Marbella, Spanish police seemed convinced yesterday that no other terrorists were involved in the planned attack. The car had been hired by a woman calling herself Cathleen Smith, thought to be an alias of the gang's leader, Mairead Farrell.

Police in both Spain and Gibraltar revealed yesterday that the search for an IRA team had begun last November. The hunt centred on the 29,000-strong British colony on the Costa del Sol, especially round Torremolinos. Farrell was spotted making regular sorties into Gibraltar every Tuesday, using false names. They now believe she was checking on the changing of the guard ceremony.

A Spanish Interior Ministry spokesman said yesterday that police were investigating how the explosives entered Spain, and whether they could have reached Marbella aboard a yacht.

The bodies of the three terrorists are expected to be flown directly to Dublin later this week. Relatives arrived in Gibraltar last night and after they have identified the dead the bodies are expected to be released by the coroner.

● The Irish Prime Minister yesterday strongly defended his Government's operation of the Anglo-Irish agreement after a series of controversies which have soured relations between London and Dublin (Richard Ford writes).

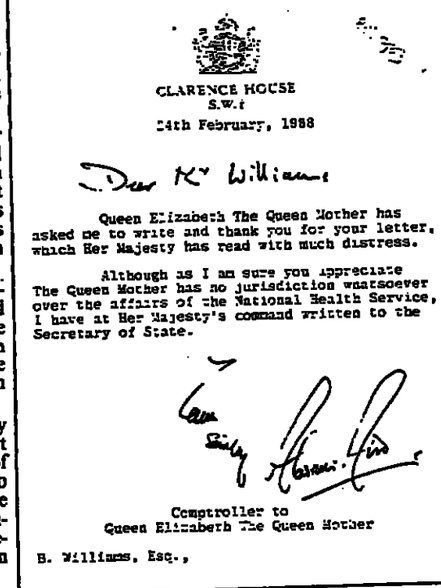
Mr Charles Haughey questioned whether Britain had met its obligation under the accord during a statement in the Dail designed to leave himself with maximum room for manoeuvre.

Although Mr Haughey pledged that his Government would work the machinery of the agreement, he failed to satisfy the opposition that he fully backed it, and, significantly, he failed to wholeheartedly endorse devolution within Northern Ireland.

Queen Mother's hospital plea



The Queen Mother being welcomed by staff and patients at the re-opening of St Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, last April. Below, the letter from Clarence House and the closed high-dependency ward at the hospital.



CLARENCE HOUSE
S.W.1
24th February, 1988

Dear Mr Williams

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother has asked me to write and thank you for your letter, which Her Majesty has read with much distress.

Although as I am sure you appreciate The Queen Mother has no jurisdiction whatsoever over the affairs of the National Health Service, I have at Her Majesty's command written to the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely
Martin Gilliat

Comptroller to
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

B. Williams, Esq.,



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National Health Service, I have, at Her Majesty's command, written to the Secretary of State".

The Welsh Office said it had asked the Mid Glamorgan health authority to respond to the Queen Mother's inquiry.

Mr Williams said he was delighted that the Queen Mother had felt so strongly about the closure. He said: "We are convinced the root cause of the whole problem is underfunding of the health service. Unfortunately, elderly people seem to have the smallest voice in the NHS and it is important facilities like this that are being axed."

Health service managers said the ward closure was a temporary measure to raise £30,000 to help find savings of £4 million by next March.

More than £2 million is expected to be found through cost improvement programmes such as competitive tendering. However, the authority said further savings would have to come from cutting patient services.

Mr George Boulton, general manager of the authority, said: "I don't think anybody would take a royal intervention lightly. We shall consider this representation very carefully and very urgently."

Mr Paul Williams, assistant general manager, said difficulties in recruiting trained staff meant that only three beds in the high dependency ward had ever been opened.

The Queen Mother reopened the 144-bed St Tydfil's Hospital last April after a £4 million refurbishment programme. The high-dependency ward was designed specifically for elderly patients with conditions such as heart attacks.

Commons sketch

Storm brews over breakfast cuppas

Mr Kenneth Clarke's breakfasts rumble on. You will remember the consternation caused to fair-minded folk up and down the country at his announcement of a series of breakfast meetings with Captains of Industry: he has now refused to recant.

Mr Tony Banks was appalled. He imagined, he said, that the breakfast would consist of "hard cheese and poached bullshit", an unattractive menu designed not to appeal to The Speaker, who immediately called for order, suggesting another phrase might make for a more suitable parliamentary tuck-in.

"Breakfast is actually my least favourite meal", Mr Clarke confided in reply. He usually had no breakfast whatsoever, a deprivation which might account for his somewhat tetchy demeanour when he arrives in Parliament.

He contradicted Mr Banks's preview of the meal, saying that the real menu was "quite immaterial and totally undistinguished". He had set the meetings for breakfast, he explained, because that was the time he had discovered when "leading industrial citizens" had their diaries free to meet senior politicians.

As leading industrial citizens the length and breadth of Britain speedily pencilled into their diaries bogus breakfast appointments, Mr Clarke argued that the best contribution local government could make was to be, as he put it, "business-friendly". A chummy fry-up in the council kitchens seems a satisfactory solution to all local problems for most Tories, but still the Labour benches complained.

"I don't know what the opposite of hype is", word-friendly Mr Clarke said, "but the Labour party has been guilty of the opposite of hype for many years now". Seconds later, he came up with the opposite of hype: whingeing. In the concise Tory dictionary, a whinger is defined as any member of the Opposition who has the impertinence to question a Government initiative.

Mr Nicholas Ridley spends much of his time at the Despatch Box whingeing against whingers. To any question, his answer seems to be one of: "Don't whinge us, we'll whinge you". Following Mr Clarke, he made a lengthy statement on Rating and Local Authority Capital Expenditure.

Mr Ridley has few communicating skills: had he been an apostle, his gospel would have been 10 times the length of any other, and would have left most readers in doubt as to whether Jesus Christ was, in the final analysis, for or against the devil.

It may well have been that Mr Ridley was banking on the notion that nobody would understand a word of what he had just announced. But Messrs Livingstone and Boateng were keen to prove him wrong. Usually, Mr Livingstone sits like the most sly of snakes and then casually hisses some uproarious comment about Northern Ireland through his nose before leaning back and letting the Members opposite grow red-faced and furious.

But confronted by Mr Ridley, it was Mr Livingstone himself whose face grew red. "What does he think the response on the streets will be when they hear of the 38 per cent cuts?" he shouted, proving in one short sentence that he was not only an agitator but also a mathematician.

Pointing to the peculiarity of Westminster City Council selling off three cemeteries for five pence each, Mr Boateng asked why the Government applauded "those who sell off the dead". Mr Ridley, who always gives the impression that he considers it a gross impertinence that a man of his stature should have to explain himself to the riff-raff in Parliament, did not reply.

"Why does he not answer the question?" a Labour backbencher demanded.

"When is the Honourable Gentleman going to stop hating ratepayers?" Mr Ridley retorted.

A Tory backbencher pretended to understand what had just been announced. "The people of Brent will be very grateful, not least my mother", he smarmed. But the families of Labour members seemed to be less amenable. This did not worry Mr Ridley. "It doesn't matter what the Hon Gentlemen opposite say, because they will alway be staying on the benches opposite", he snarled. Who knows, perhaps Mrs Ridley had burnt the toast at breakfast.

Craig Brown

Carnarvon takes legal advice on treasures

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the hoard "because the collection left Egypt and reached the Earl of Carnarvon in an illegal way without the official permission of Egypt". The embassy said yesterday it had not yet received the telegram.

Egyptian officials are expected to travel to London to examine the artefacts, which had been hidden for 60 years in secret cupboards at the castle, near Newbury, Berkshire. They are thought to be antiquities from Egypt's Valley of the Kings.

Lord Carnarvon said: "The records we have discovered show these items were brought to England legitimately, with the knowledge of the Egyptian Government, by my grandfather and Howard Carter (archaeologist of the 1922 expedition).

"I spoke with the Egyptian ambassador last Monday to inform him of our finds and he has invited me to lunch with him." Mr Yousef Sharara, the ambassador, is meeting Lord Carnarvon today to discuss the provenance of the treasures.

The Earl added: "I don't expect any serious claim to be made by the Egyptian government. They would have to reclaim everything from the British Museum and the Metropolitan Museum in New York."

Religious prize winner criticized by Jews

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

Jewish leaders in Britain yesterday called for the winner of a top religious award to be stripped of his prize because of his allegedly anti-Jewish views.

The winner of the 1988 Templeton Prize for Religion, Dr Inamullah Khan of Karachi and a leading Pakistani scholar, was chosen by a panel including the Prince of Wales, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood. His prize is worth £220,000.

The announcement last week caused no protests. The panel praised Dr Khan's "tireless work" for peace between Christians, Muslims and Jews.

Yesterday, the Board of Deputies of British Jews demanded that the prize be withdrawn, and the British Council of Christians and Jews said it was "very disturbed" and wanted the award reconsidered.

The prize is to be presented by Princess Alexandra at Guildhall, London, in May.

The Defence Department of the Board of Deputies says it has long-known of Dr Khan's links with right-wing and anti-semitic groups.

Poll triumph for Bush

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fered a devastating setback. He won only his native Missouri.

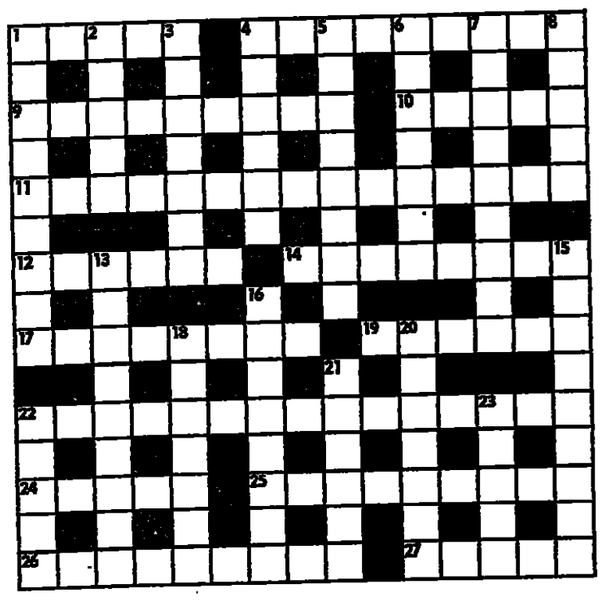
Both the Gore and Jackson campaigns were elated yesterday. The 39 year-old Tennessee senator took a big risk in bypassing the Iowa and New Hampshire races and concentrating on his native south. But it paid off. With valuable political endorsements from many local politicians, he captured much of the white moderate and conservative vote.

Mr Jackson, as expected, won overwhelming support from blacks, gaining more than 95 per cent of their vote in most states. But he also picked up 10 per cent of the white vote, more than double that of 1984.

The Republicans were yesterday savouring their early consolidation compared with the splits among the Democrats. The last two candidates, Mr Robertson and Mr Jack Kemp, can now be written out of the race.

The biggest loser of all was Mr Kemp, who got only about 5 per cent of the vote.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,613



ACROSS

1 Get a clear picture of bent coppers (5).
4 Squad nick crazy type in inescapable trap (9).
9 Movement of troops results from change of government, deposing leader (9).
10 Meeting a Northerner (5).
11 March the first not precisely when a legendary character appears (6,9).
12 Floor of small stones (6).
14 Overwhelm one sister — one of 8 (8).
17 Instruction reversing, for instance, a way to escape losing nothing (8).
19 Girl's jewels (6).
22 Writer Wells's setting a disgusted expression in the middle of address to lady (8,7).
24 You'll find nothing as trustworthy as lithography in the early stages of reproduction (5).
25 William I backed by uncouth earl lacking culture (9).
26 What anglers may be after, lying appallingly, with a lot of nit-picking (9).
27 Characteristics of people some of whom get hospitalized (5).

DOWN

1 Pay up in fear for Donnybrook (4,5).
2 Pull a punch (5).
3 The rest they use indiscriminately (4-3).
4 Fruit for Peter, the carpenter (6).
5 Not knowing the answer, I give round number (8).
6 Overacts in the bosom of the family — see a lot of hot air (7).
7 Conduct business with Bill at its head (9).
8 Put a poster up, showing the timing of events (5).
13 About time to adjust an instrument (9).
15 Doctor wearing senseless (without going to extremes) outfits (9).
16 Silver and green I mixed and matched (8).
18 German rock and roll arranged to incorporate note that's coming up. (7).
20 Keeping calm as river rises outside (7).
21 Foul — silly after I became objective (6).
22 Child in charge of sound (5).
23 Run into — cut up rough (5).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

RATHERIPE
a. A viral swellingp
b. Slightly drunk
c. Maturing early

SMEECH
a. Smoke
b. A sycophant
c. To smelt tin ore

OSELA
a. A pelvic sinew
b. A Venetian badge
c. A kind of reed

ELENCHUS
a. A 16-tentacled squid
b. A refutation
c. An axeman hoplite

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,612



Concise crossword, page 12

WEATHER

Cloud in the extreme South will clear fairly quickly to leave a mostly dry day with isolated showers and some sunny spells over much of England and Wales. Scotland will have showers, heavy in northern and western areas, and it will be windy. Scattered showers will also affect northern England and Northern Ireland. Temperatures will be a little lower than yesterday's. Outlook: Mainly dry after some rain on Friday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; si=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	11	52	s	Majorca	13	55	f
Alicratiri	17	63	f	Malaga	17	63	s
Alex'dria	18	64	s	Malta	12	54	s
Algiers	14	57	f	Melb'rne	23	73	s
Athens	12	54	c	Mexico C*	22	72	s
Bahrain	21	70	c	Miami*	25	77	f
Barbados*	28	82	s	Montreal*	-3	27	f
Barcelna	14	57	s	Moscow	-2	28	c
Berlin	1	34	c	Munich	-1	30	f
Bermuda*	20	68	f	Naples	9	48	f
Biarritz	12	54	f	N Delhi	23	73	s
Borde'x	9	48	c	N York*	11	52	s
B Aires*	24	75	f	Nice	10	50	s
Cairo	21	70	s	Paris	7	45	c
Cape Tn	28	82	s	Peking	17	63	s
C'blanca	18	64	s	Perth	30	86	f
Chicago*	10	50	r	Rhodes	15	59	f
Chr'church	16	61	c	Rio de J	25	77	c
C'pehgn	1	34	f	Riyadh	30	86	s
Corfu	11	52	f	Rome	9	48	f
Dublin	11	52	d	S F'risco*	16	61	f
Dubrovnik	5	41	c	Santiago*	26	79	s
Faro	18	64	s	S Paulo*	26	79	c
Florence	9	48	s	Seoul	6	43	c
Funchal	16	61	f	Sing'por	25	77	r
Geneva	3	37	s	Strasb'rg	0	32	c
Gibraltar	16	61	s	Sydney	25	77	s
Helsinki	-3	27	f	Tangier	17	63	s
Hong K	18	64	s	Tel aviv	19	66	s
Innsbruck	1	34	c	Tenerife	20	68	s
Istanbul	8	46	r	Tokyo	10	50	f
Jeddah	30	86	s	Toronto*	4	39	f
Jo'burg*	24	75	f	Tunis	13	55	f
Karachi	30	86	s	Valencia	15	59	s
L Palmas	20	68	s	Vanc'ver*	6	43	s
Le Tquet	9	48	f	Venice	9	48	s
Lisbon	15	59	s	Vienna	1	34	c
Locarno	9	48	s	Warsaw	1	34	c
L Angels*	15	59	f	Wash'ton*	13	55	s
Luxmbg	2	36	c	Wel'ton	16	61	c
Madrid	10	50	s	Zurich	1	34	f

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	8	46	dull
Bridlington	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Cromer	1.0	-	7	45	bright
Lowestoft	5.1	.03	8	46	shower
Clacton	6.6	-	8	48	sunny
Southend	-	-	8	48	cloudy
Folkestone	4.4	-	8	46	sunny
Hastings	0.2	-	7	45	cloudy
Brighton	0.3	-	10	50	cloudy
Worthing	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Bognor R	-	-	7	45	dull
Southsea	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Shanklin	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Poole	0.5	.02	11	52	cloudy
Swanage	1.2	.04	11	52	drizzle
Exmouth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Torquay	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Falmouth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Penzance	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Newquay	-	.01	10	50	cloudy
Bracomba	-	.01	10	50	sunny
Minehead	1.3	-	11	52	cloudy
Morecambe	1.2	-	8	46	cloudy
Douglas	-	.04	10	50	bright
Carlisle	1.7	.02	11	52	shower
Nottingham	1.9	-	10	50	bright
Anglesey	3.7	.03	11	52	rain
Tenby	0.6	.04	10	50	cloudy
Aberdeen	0.7	.01	11	52	bright
Aviemore	2.2	.01	10	50	rain
Eskdalemuir	2.0	.06	10	50	shower
Kinloss	1.1	.03	13	55	bright
Lerwick	0.2	.06	8	46	rain
Prestwick	1.3	.02	10	50	cloudy
Stornoway	0.4	.13	11	52	rain
Tiree	-	.12	10	50	rain
Wick	0.6	.07	11	52	shower

* Denotes figures not available
These are Tuesday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.23	6.5	5.50	6.3
Aberdeen	4.59	3.6	5.20	3.6
Avonmouth	10.40	11.3	10.51	10.7
Belfast	2.40	3.0	3.14	3.1
Cardiff	10.25	10.5	10.36	10.0
Devonport	8.43	4.8	9.07	4.7
Dover	2.08	6.0	2.34	5.7
Falmouth	8.13	4.6	8.37	4.5
Glasgow	4.20	4.6	4.41	4.7
Harwich	3.19	3.7	3.46	3.5
Holyhead	1.48	4.9	2.08	4.8
Hull	9.59	6.4	10.21	6.4
Ilfracombe	9.28	7.8	9.50	7.6
Leith	6.19	4.7	6.46	4.7
Liverpool	2.39	8.3	2.57	8.2
Lowestoft	12.56	2.3	1.27	2.0
Margate	3.17	4.4	3.42	4.2
Milford Haven	9.49	6.0	10.12	5.8
Newquay	8.44	6.9	9.08	5.8
Oban	6.04	3.3	6.29	3.2
Penzance	7.49	4.8	8.15	4.7
Portland	10.00	1.6	10.23	1.5
*Portsmouth	2.58	4.2	3.19	3.9
Shoreham	2.24	5.5	2.48	5.2
Southampton	2.28	4.2	2.50	3.9
Swansea	9.52	8.3	10.13	8.0
Tees	7.26	4.5	7.48	4.6
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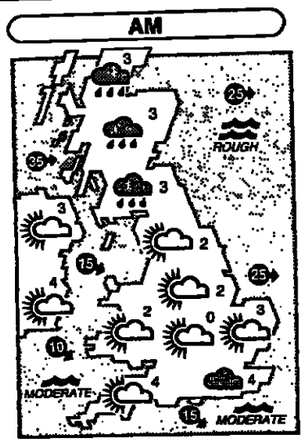
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Australia $	2.605	2.465
Austria Sch	22.35	21.25
Belgium Fr	66.70	63.50
Canada $	2.48	2.28
Denmark Kr	12.18	11.58
Finland Mkk	7.73	7.33
France Fr	10.76	10.26
Germany Dm	3.19	3.03
Greece Dr	253	233
Hong Kong $	14.75	14.05
Ireland Pt	1.195	1.135
Italy Lire	2345	2235
Japan Yen	246	234
Netherlands Gld	3.57	3.40
Norway Kr	12.08	11.48
Portugal Esc	258	246
South Africa Rd	4.19	3.89
Spain Pta	213	202
Sweden Kr	11.31	10.76
Switzerland Fr	2.62	2.50
USA $	1.915	1.825
Yugoslavia Dnr	2800	2200

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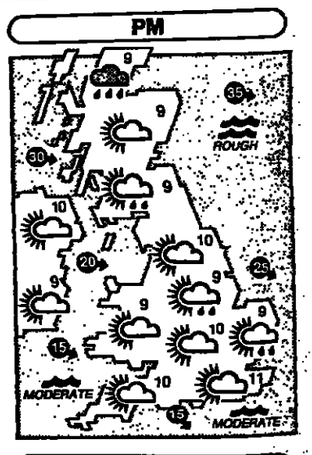
Retail Price Index: 103.3 (January)

London: The *FT* index closed up 2.4 at 1460.1.

AM



PM



HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: highest day temp: Lossiemouth, Grampian, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Binbrook and Skegness, Lincolnshire, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Western Isles, 0.13 in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 6.6 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.27 pm to 5.54 am
Bristol 6.37 pm to 6.03 am
Edinburgh 6.36 pm to 6.08 am
Manchester 6.34 pm to 6.03 am
Penzance 6.49 pm to 6.14 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F); Humidity: 6 pm, 50 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 6.7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1025.4 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F); Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.18 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr.

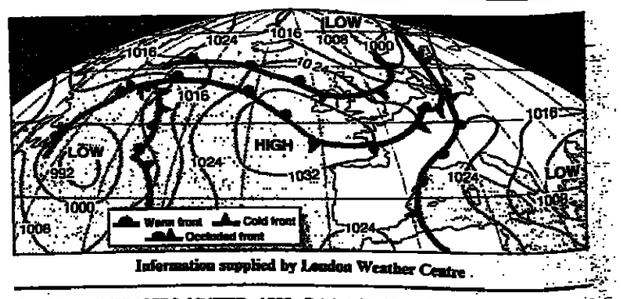
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	7	45	r	Guernsey	9	48	c
B'mingham	10	50	c	Inverness	8	46	r
Blackpool	7	45	c	Jersey	11	52	s
Bristol	11	52	c	London	12	54	s
Cardiff	10	50	c	M'nchester	8	46	d
Edinburgh	9	48	f	Newcastle	10	50	r
Glasgow	8	46	c	N'rnIreland	8	48	r

Sun rises: 6.26 am — Sun sets: 5.57 pm
Moon rises 1.14 am — Moon sets 8.26 am
Last Quarter tomorrow

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1460.1 (+2.4)

FT-SE 100
1815.3 (+0.3)

Bargains
27697 (29438)

USM (Datastream)
149.6 (+0.66)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8470 (+0.0055)

W German mark
3.0799 (+0.0110)

Trade-weighted
77.2 (+0.2)

Sterling hits two-year high

Comments by Baker fuel the pound's rise

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound rose to its highest level for more than two years yesterday, spurred by comments in Washington by Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary.

Sterling's increase was more muted than on Monday and Tuesday, but it still ended well up on the day after initially falling on profit-taking.

It rose by 55 points to $1.8470, and added 1.2 pfennigs to DM3.0813. The sterling index, against a basket of foreign currencies, rose by 0.2 of a point to 77.2 — its strongest since January 1986. Over the last three days the pound's average value has gained 3.2 per cent.

Mr Baker said that this week's strong rise in the pound did not violate the Group of Seven's agreement on exchange rate stability.

His remarks came as the pound continued heading towards the DM3.10 level regarded as its next natural resistance point.

Mr Baker, giving evidence to the Joint Economic Committee of the US Congress, said he had not been told in advance of the British authorities' decision to stop defending sterling's DM3 ceiling, but added that he did not see it as in contravention of the G7's December 22 statement on currency stability.

"We don't see this in any way as running counter to that agreement or as a repudiation of it," he said.

The agreement did not prevent countries from tightening monetary policy if domestic considerations justified it, he added, and this was the situation that applied to Britain.

Foreign exchange dealers took at face value the Prime Minister's remarks in the House of Commons on Tuesday, when she ruled out interest rate cuts or excessive intervention to hold down the pound. Traders see this week's events as a significant shift, not just in the pound's value, but in the Government's attitude to the exchange rate.

One senior London foreign exchange dealer said: "Interest rates will be divorced from the exchange rate, and set according to domestic monetary conditions. The pound will be allowed to go where it has to."

But some analysts saw the possibility of a cut in interest rates after the Budget on Tuesday if the pound moves strongly higher. Some said the Bank of England, in holding off from intervention, could be setting a trap for speculators and would act to push sterling lower when the upward pressure eased.

"They were going to have to intervene or cut rates so heavily after next Tuesday, that they must have thought: why bother?" said Mr Robert Thomas, director of bond research at Greenwell Montagu. "If after the Budget there is a lot of upward pressure on sterling, they will cut rates."

The G7 deputies met in Paris yesterday to prepare the ground for the mid-April meeting of finance ministers and central bankers in Washington.

Britain's position is held to be consistent with the G7's overall aim of currency stability, because Britain was seen to be operating a tighter range for sterling against the mark than existed for other currency rates.

Key rates for G7 purposes are seen as those for the mark and yen against the dollar. A sharp movement for sterling, unless it threatened the stability of these rates, would be unlikely to worry the G7.

Car paint firms take shine to Europe



Robert Aitken, left, a Dupont director, and ICI's Dr Brian Letchford reflect on the joint venture (Photograph: Alan Weller)

ICI and Dupont in joint venture

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

ICI is to establish a joint car paint venture with Dupont to tackle the European market. Europe is the biggest single market in this business which, worldwide, is worth £1.3 billion a year.

The two companies will have equal shares in the new business to be based in West Germany, where they will pool both resources and technology. They will invest in a new £10 million technical centre in Bonn so that the conditions of the latest automated car paint plants can be replicated for trials.

Dr Brian Letchford, director of ICI's car paints division, said: "This is very much an expansionist move and we are expecting to double our market share in Europe in the next few years." The joint venture will start business in fourth place in the European market which is headed by West Germany's BASF.

"The joint venture is the best way to grow the business quickly because it depends heavily upon research and development and we will have 500 scientists dedicated to the automotive industry," Dr Letchford explained.

When the business commences, in six months' time, ICI and Dupont will have a 10 per cent share of the European car paint market although both parties stressed that outside Europe they will continue to operate separately. Dupont's main strength is in America and ICI's is outside Europe and Japan.

Cables lift BICC to £128m

BICC, the cables, construction and components group, made pretax profits in the year to the end of December of £128 million compared with £101 million. Turnover rose 16 per cent to £2.5 billion.

The total dividend was raised to 13p from 11.75p.

The largest increase in profit came from the cables division which made operating profits of £34.2 million against £23.5 million.

Balfour Beatty, the construction arm, benefited from a buoyant home market with increasing road building, housing and property development activity. It made operating profits of £36.7 million compared with £27.2 million.

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Antique price

William Bedford, antique dealer and restorer, had pretax profits of £817,048 in the year ended December, against £759,348. The final dividend is maintained at 3p, and the year's payment rises from 4.5p to 4.65p a share.

Miss World

Miss World Group, the beauty competitions firm, made a pretax profit of £659,000 last year compared with £602,000. Turnover went up to £1.5 million and a final dividend of 6p is being paid, making a total of 8p against 6p.

'Serious threat' to industry

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Sterling's rise is presenting a serious threat to British industry, according to Sir David Nickson, president of the Confederation of British Industry. He is calling for a cut in interest rates on Budget day, next Tuesday, to restore currency stability.

He criticized the uncertainty being created by the pound's increase, particularly against the mark but also other currencies, and said: "High exchange rates and high interest rates at the same time are bad bedfellows."

Sir David, speaking at a regional CBI meeting in Cambridge, said of sterling's rise: "It is bound to make us less competitive, both in our home market and in overseas markets. The Government's willingness to hold sterling below DM3 has been a major factor in our economic resurgence. But business can no longer have confidence about where the exchange rate is going."

Exchange rate stability within a competitive band against European currencies was vital, because that was where 60 per cent of British exports went and where British industry's future lay. He added: "Stability is even more important than the level of interest rates, high though these are in real terms."

Sir David called for the Chancellor to return sterling to around DM3. Mr Lawson could avoid the danger of rising inflation through his fiscal policies.

With the Government concerned about pay settlements in excess of inflation, Sir David said leading industrial companies had to pay the "real rate for the job." It was an increasingly international world, and the problems met over skill shortages showed that the experts British industry needed could easily sell their skills elsewhere.

Productivity was vital in any attempt to improve competitiveness, which meant it was unit labour costs, rather than pay settlements, that were the key element.

● The Association of British Chambers of Commerce, which represents 65,000 businesses, also called for early action to bring the pound below the DM3 level.

Beazer bid to assure Koppers

From Bailey Morris
Washington

Mr Brian Beazer, who is in New York to manage his construction company's $1.3 billion (£706 million) joint bid for Koppers, the United States aggregates company, has sought to assure the Koppers board that he wanted to avoid a hostile takeover, even if this meant paying more for the Pennsylvania company.

In an open letter to Mr Charles Pullin, the chairman of Koppers, Mr Beazer said that he was willing to discuss a higher offer if this would lead to a "negotiated acquisition", free of the rancour and litigation which have disrupted many recent takeovers.

Mr Pullin has so far refused to meet either Mr Beazer or representatives of Shearson Lehman Hutton Holdings and National Westminster Bank, the other takeover partners. "The Koppers board has sealed the exits and drawn the wagons around while it reviews its options," said a Wall Street analyst.

Part of the board's anxiety was based on the lack of information about Mr Beazer, who is relatively unknown in the US, according to analysts. Mr Beazer appeared to respond to these concerns by adopting a high profile in New York, giving interviews to newspapers and issuing public statements.

The result was several articles, read widely by the New York financial community, which described him as heir to a building empire begun in 1790 by his family, as a dedicated businessman and devoted family man, who was interested in long-distance walking, history and theology.

Vosper Thornycroft flotation

£24 million success story

By Cliff Feltham

The management team which bought Vosper Thornycroft, the warship builder, when it was privatized two and a half years ago have turned the value of their investment of £160,000 into £24 million.

The flotation of the company on the stock market this month will mean the seven-man team have multiplied their money 150 times.

But last night Mr Peter Usher, managing director and architect of the buyout who personally put up £35,000 to acquire the business from British Shipbuilders, defended the profits being made by the directors.

"At the time everyone said we were brave to buy a shipbuilder. If we had not bought the business I am sure it would be closed by now. We took risks.

Mr Usher is raising more than £800,000 by selling some of his shares and will be left with shares worth £2 million after the flotation. Mr Roy Withers, the chairman, and his family are selling £760,000 of shares and will have a stake worth £2.3 million afterwards.

Vosper Thornycroft is being floated with a pricetag of £49 million. The management team put up £160,000 for a 50 per cent stake — matching a similar investment by two City institutions. There were large borrowings to meet the full cost of £18.5 million.

The board has since handed a 15 per cent share of the business to the employees.

A total of 25 per cent of the company is being placed with City institutions at a price of 160p a share.

Pretax profits increased from £2.5 million to £5.5 million for the year just ended.

Dealings begin March 17.

£146.5m record for GKN

By Colin Campbell

GKN, whose roots go back to 1759, enjoyed its best financial year in the 12 months ended December with pretax profits up from £132.4 million to £146.5 million.

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, the retiring chairman, reporting on a year during which financial ratios improved and gearing came down from 50.8 per cent to 37.9 per cent, said the outcome reflected the realization of the group's strategic plan to shed low yielding interests and a better group performance within Britain.

The final dividend is being raised from 8p to 9p a share, making a total of 14.5p (13p).

During the year the group realized £109 million from divestments and spent £46 million on acquisitions and investments.

Profits from industrial services and supplies advanced from £29 million to £35 million, and within the autoparts distribution and services division from £7 million to £11 million.

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Hillsdown profits more than double

By Alexandra Jackson

Pretax profits at Hillsdown Holdings, the dynamic food manufacturing group, more than doubled during 1987, from £54.9 million to £110.3 million.

Acquisitions made during 1987 and 1986 now account for half the group's operating profits of £134.9 million. Fifty companies were added to the Hillsdown empire last year, when organic growth was 30 per cent.

Mr Harry Solomon, the chairman, said: "I am very pleased and excited by these figures and am confident that we will continue to do well.

"It remains our objective to continue to build up Hillsdown as a major international food business where the priorities are to add value to the products and increase margins."

Turnover rose from £1.70 billion to £3.04 billion. Earnings per share advanced from 16.3p to 22p. A final dividend of 3.5p was declared, making a total of 4.75p for the year, up 25 per cent on 1986.

Hillsdown has been especially active in North America where Maple Leaf Mills, the Canadian food and agriproducts company, was added in July. Expansion of Hillsdown's partly-owned fish subsidiary, Clearwater Fine Foods, also had a noticeable impact on the group.

During 1987, group overseas sales and operating profits were £275 million and £20 million respectively. However, sales are already running at an annualized rate of £800 million for 1988.

Hillsdown spent over £600 million last year on acquisitions and capital projects within the group. Around £450 million of this was spent on the moves into the US.

Net borrowings, including the convertible as debt, accounted for 94 per cent of ordinary shareholders' funds. Strong cash flow and a series of worthwhile disposals will go some way to bringing the gearing ratio down.

Mr Solomon, however, reiterated the group's philosophy of allowing gearing to rise if the assets being acquired merited it.

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Ex-chairman of Stanley Gibbons returns with 19%

Back to an old stamping ground

By Michael Tate

Mr Clive Feigenbaum, former chairman of the world-renowned stamp dealer Stanley Gibbons Holdings — whose attempt to float the business on the USM four years ago failed spectacularly and led to his resignation — has re-emerged with a 19 per cent shareholding.

Mr Feigenbaum was at the centre of the fiasco that saw share trading take place for 16 minutes on April 2, 1984, only for dealings to be cancelled when the Stock Exchange pointed out that listing permission had been refused. He subsequently resigned, and sold his 56 per cent controlling interest to Ionian Securities for £4 million.

Now he is back on the share register, through various overseas interests, with a stake understood to have been acquired from another former director, Mr Allan Grant.

Mr Feigenbaum's reappearance is of concern to the new board of Gibbons, which, under its chief executive Mr Stephen Quinn, the respected former Debenhams director, and supported by Ionian Securities, has worked strenuously to tidy up the group, with a view to re-applying for a stock market listing, possibly next year.

But, as Mr Robert Nelson, Gibbons' deputy chairman and head of Ionian Securities, says: "This is a public company and we have no control over who buys our shares."

However, this week's acquisition by Gibbons of Proud-Bailey, a philately company and auction house, financed by a share issue that enlarges the group's equity capital by 29.9 per cent, will have the effect of diluting Mr Feigenbaum's holding by almost a third.

Meanwhile it has emerged that the 24.7 per cent share stake built by Fredericks Place Group has been sold to Drayton Consolidated Trust, part of Lord Stevens' MIM stable, in a deal worth almost £1 million. Fredericks Place, an investment company, emerged with the shareholding in June 1986.

Gibbons, founded when Edward Stanley Gibbons opened a stamp collector's shop in Plymouth in 1856, enjoyed a full listing until 1979, when it was acquired by Letraset for £19 million. Within a year Mr Bill Fieldhouse, chairman of Letraset, was describing the buy as an expensive mistake. Letraset was subsequently purchased by the Swedish Esselte group, which sold Gibbons to its management in 1982 for just £1 and the repayment of £6.75 million of loans. Mr Feigenbaum was then a consultant.

Today, adjusting for the £1.6 million Proud-Bailey acquisition, Gibbons is worth £5.3 million, with assets of £4 million. In the six months to end-December it made pretax profits of £86,500 on turnover of £4.1 million.

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Nikkei Average	25605.39 (+139.66)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2551.76 (+58.43)
Amsterdam: Gen	243.3 (+3.8)
Sydney: AO	1341.0 (+24.6)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1396.1 (+1.3)
Brussels:	
General	5043.1 (+21.4)
Paris: CAC	298.2 (+2.1)
Zurich: SKA Gen	464.90 (+3.8)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	932.21 (+1.04)
FT.–"500"	1026.62 (+1.87)
FT. Gold Mines	248.0 (+5.8)
FT. Fixed Interest	97.11 (–0.04)
FT. Govt Secs	90.68 (+0.15)

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RISES:	
GKN	338p (+14p)
Glaxo	1074p (+12p)
Thorn EMI	603p (+10p)
Federated Housing	267p (+11p)
Kode Int	365p (+10p)
Britannia Sec	216p (+10p)
Boosey & Hawkes	207p (+9p)
Tyne Tees	550p (+13p)
United Biscuits	271p (+10p)
Body Shop	580p (+25p)
Redfearn	478p (+17p)
European Home	272p (+9p)
Shelf	998p (+15p)
Ultramar	254p (+10p)
Mersey Docks	320p (+30p)
ML Labratories	176p (+21p)
Consolidated Tern	48p (+8p)
FALLS:	
T Jourdan	114p (–7p)
Athwoods	289p (–14p)
J Haggas	150p (–11p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month Interbank 9-8⅛%
3-month eligible bills: $8^{11}/_{16}$-$8^{21}/_{32}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.72-5.71%*
30-year bonds $103^{9}/_{32}$-$103^{11}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8470	£: $1.8470*
$: DM3.0799	$: DM1.6682*
$: SwFr2.5470	$: SwFr1.3790*
$: FFr10.4375	$: FFr5.6505*
$: Yen236.42	$: Yen128.02*
$: Index:77.2	$: Index:93.5
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GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $436.10 pm-$438.50
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New York:
Comex $437.00-437.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr.) pm $14.20bbl ($14.12)
* Denotes latest trading price

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Nestlé pays £6.5m for Carnation fish label

Nestlé is buying Longfield Trading from Jack L Israel Group for £6.5 million in a deal that will retrieve a further use of the Carnation brand name for the Swiss food company. Longfield was licensed to use the Carnation trade mark for its canned fish products. Nestlé bought Carnation in 1985.

The deal brings an immediate profit for Israel, which acquired Longfield when it bought the John Martin Group for £5.6 million last April. It will retain the rest of Martin, with sales currently running at £20 million a year.

Davidson Pearce deal

Davidson Pearce, the advertising agency, is buying Davis, Gibson Advertising (DGA) for an initial £350,370 plus four deferred payments related to turnover in the years up to July 1991. DGA is a specialist agency which made £52,000 net profits in the year to end-June. Its net asset value then was £304,000.

Profits surge at Fletcher

Fletcher Challenge, the New Zealand forestry, building industries and trading group, made pretax profits in the half year to the end of December of NZ$541.8 million (£198.5 million) against NZ$163 million in the previous first half. The interim dividend goes up to 10.5 cents from 9.33 cents a share.

Guthrie buys PC Cox

Guthrie Corporation is paying up to £3.65 million for PC Cox (Newbury), Britain's only maker of adhesive and mastic applicators with an immediate payment of £2.7 million and up to £950,000 later, depending on Cox's results for the year ending this month. Last year it made £561,000 before tax.

Cox, which exports half its turnover, mainly to Europe and the US, where it supplies leading adhesive manufacturers such as Evode, Henkel and 3M, will be integrated into Guthrie's textiles and floor coverings division, which includes Duralay, Europe's largest manufacturer of carpet underlay.

Kode lifts dividend

Kode International, the computer and electronics components group, raised pretax profits from £2.1 million to £2.7 million last year. Turnover went up from £27.7 million to £33.3 million. The dividend payout for the year is 15.5p, against 13p last time. The company says it is moving ahead strongly. The shares rose 10p to 365p.

Jourdan slips to £1.8m

Thomas Jourdan, the diversified consumer products group, saw full-year pretax profits dip by £200,000 to £1.8 million after a supply hiccup at its Suncrest fire surrounds subsidiary. But orders have recovered and the business is back on course. A final dividend of 3.5p makes a total for the year of 4.85p.

TEMPUS

Solid growth rate has GKN basking in financial glory

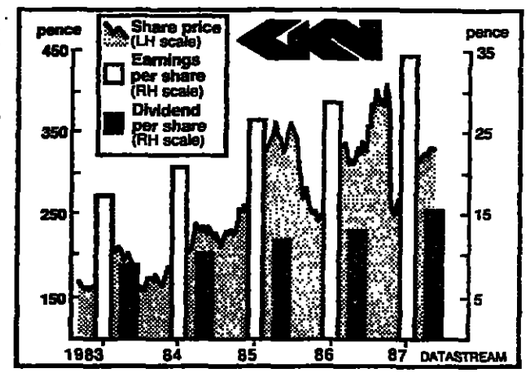
GKN, serving up its best figures and the most respectable ratios seen in years, now has the task of proving that last year was not just a flash in the pan.

There are a number of "funnies" above the line – £9 million of property profits, a £3.8 million benefit from a pension fund holiday, and the effects of the deconsolidation of the special steels and forgings divisions – though in the final analysis these largely wash themselves out.

But even allowing for all that and that it was the share of profits from related companies which really made the headway, there was a solid enough underlying performance growth in the year ended December, and the published £146.5 million pretax result, against £132.4 million, turned out a shade above market expectations.

GKN, basking in shades of financial glory, yesterday saw its shares 14p higher at 328p. The group enjoyed its first positive cash flow in years with a £70.6 million-plus in 1987, compared with a £34.6 million outflow a year earlier. Gearing is down from 50.8 per cent to 37.9 per cent. The return on operating assets nudged forward to the 16.6 per cent level, and the return on shareholders' funds from 10.6 per cent to 13.8 per cent. The current year has started off with a bang.

With the spadework of shedding low-yielding assets and streamlining operations largely complete, GKN may not be far off making an acquisition. Meanwhile, the defence operations have moved into profit and look likely to stay there.



Currency factors largely passed GKN by in 1987, though they could cause some disruption this year, and the car market which it serves may start to run out of breath later this year.

However, recently signed contracts should shortly start to make a positive impact, and further down the road there is the joint-venture company with Jaguar, to produce the body panel pressings for the Jaguar-Daimler range, to look forward to.

Organic growth and improved margins should help profits to the £160 million mark this year, to put the shares on a prospective multiple of 8.9 times.

As long as interim results confirm the better trend, and the finals provide additional evidence, then GKN will have proved an attractive buy at current levels on a year's view.

BICC

BICC's 26.7 per cent profit improvement was greeted by a 9p dip in the share price to 338p. Although earnings were bang in line with expectations, there was some disappointment in the market over the size of the dividend increase at 10.6 per cent.

The company already sports a sound balance sheet, with gearing at only 12 per cent, but wants to hang on to a good slice of its cash for more acquisitions. Without acquisitions last year, BICC would have ended the year with net cash.

Good progress was made in all divisions except technologies, which registered operating profits 38 per cent lower. First-half teething problems with new and merged factories have been resolved and profits should recover this year.

Cables increased operating profits by 45.5 per cent to £34.2 million, following two years of pruning the workforce and unprofitable product lines. Margins rose to 7.3 per cent from 5 per cent the previous year and there are more productivity gains to come.

Balfour Beatty, the civil engineering and construction division, increased operating profits by 35 per cent and boasts a record order book of £1.2 billion.

The international division's operating profits – 12.2 per cent higher – were £3 million less than they would have been if currencies had stayed at 1986 levels. The currency effect was, however, much less than some had feared and had virtually no effect at the earnings level.

Good cash flow and earnings growth are expected again this year. BZW is forecasting a 14 per cent pretax profits increase to £146 million, giving a prospective p-e ratio of 10.2. Not demanding for a company with such high quality engineering and contracting businesses.

CRH

It is time British building analysts stopped being introspective and ran their slide rules over CRH, known to its older friends as Cement-Roadstone Holdings.

The shares lagged the market by 35 per cent last year, despite five years of compound earnings growth of 35 per cent. Although still anchored in the Irish Republic, CRH now generates only 27 per cent of trading profits in its homeland, compared with 57 per cent four years ago.

The United States is the biggest earner, accounting for 36 per cent of trading profits. Great Britain and Northern Ireland are nearly as important as the Republic. Mainland Europe is fast catching up: after last year's move into Spain, it will account for a fifth of 1988 profits.

CRH's acquisition record is equal to, if not better than, its British competitors. But as aggressive bids are not the company's style, clear opportunities to move into value-added UK markets of bricks and decorative concrete have not been seized.

Gearing remains at 33 per cent, despite the Ir£120 million (£105 million) spent on acquisitions. With strong cashflow, CRH will add new businesses as well as invest in existing ones.

Acquisitions accounted for at least two-thirds of the 27 per cent pretax profits increase. Land sales added another couple of million while continuing redundancy charges were Ir£1 million higher than average.

Eire will be down again this year but the US should make progress, at least in dollar terms. The United Kingdom and the rest of Europe are also set for further growth.

On estimated pretax profits of Ir£56 million, the shares stand on a p/e of 8.5 times, a full point below the sector average. This is too low.

STOCK MARKETS

BT shares fall 3p after writ is issued in American court

British Telecom and Mitel Corporation, its 51 per cent owned North American subsidiary, are being sued for $15 billion (£8.1 billion) in a New York court by Insat Inc, a privately-owned US telecommunications group.

The writ was issued in the New York Supreme Court on Monday but the news has only just started filtering back to London. BT fell 3p to 246p last night as more than 8 million shares were traded. The fear in the market last night was that they could fall still further in the months ahead.

Insat alleges that it entered into an agreement for Mitel Inc, a subsidiary of Mitel Corporation, to produce an electronic state of the art switchboard for a satellite communications system, first conceived in 1984. Insat claims that Mitel broke the agreement under instructions from British Telecom to which it then sold the switchboard system.

A spokesman for British Telecom last night confirmed the story but said that the claims by Insat were "without substance."

Elsewhere, equities enjoyed an early mark-up following the overnight rise on Wall Street. But prices drifted lower on lack of follow-through support and worries about the continuing strength of the pound.

However, sentiment remained firm, helped by cheerful trading statements from the likes of Hillsdown, GKN and BICC ahead of next Tuesday's Budget.

The FT-SE 100 share index, which was 11 points up at the outset, retreated to close only 0.3 points higher at 1,815.3. The narrower FT index of 30 shares closed 2.4 points up at 1,460.1.

County NatWest, the broker, rates the shares of Persimmon, the USM-listed housebuilder, as a strong buy in the wake of excellent full-year figures. It reckons the group will become a big force in the industry over the next few years. Persimmon closed 1p higher at 161p.

Gilt-edged stocks ended the day with with small gains of £⅛ after quiet trading.

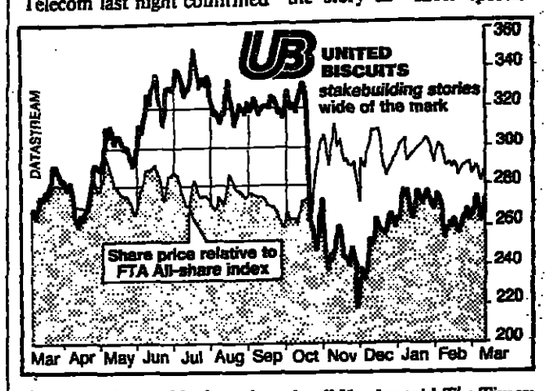
There were fun and games in **United Biscuits** following reports that BSN, the largest food group in France, had bought a 5 per cent stake in the McVitie's and Crawford's foods group. Investors responded by chasing the shares higher on hopes of a possible bid.

At one stage, the price touched 280p before closing 10p higher at 271p on a turnover of 8.1 million shares.

Market-makers were puzzled by the sudden turn of events. On Tuesday, they had encountered plenty of sellers – the shares falling 12p – on fears that Sir Hector Laing, UB's chairman, is about to pay £340 million – £40 million more than expected – for the Ross Foods and Young's Foods subsidiaries of Hanson's Imperial Group.

There was renewed excitement in BP following reports that the Kuwait Investment Office had been adding to its holding. It has bought an extra 35 million partly paid shares this week, a mere 0.1 per cent, taking its total holding to 19.8 per cent. BP new rose by 3¼p to 73p.

The BSN stake-building story helped to create a stir but failed to impress United Biscuits. A spokesman dismissed the story as "sheer speculation." He also told *The Times*: "There is no evidence on the share register of any stake-building by the French group."



But speculators remained convinced that United Biscuits could soon find itself under attack from across the Channel.

They have looked upon UB as being vulnerable to a bid since it lost Imperial Group to Hanson more than two years ago.

UB has been the subject of intense speculation on whispers that either Pepsi Cola or Nabisco were about to pounce.

Full-year figures are expected from United Biscuits next week and Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, is looking for pretax profits of £147 million against last year's £125.2 million.

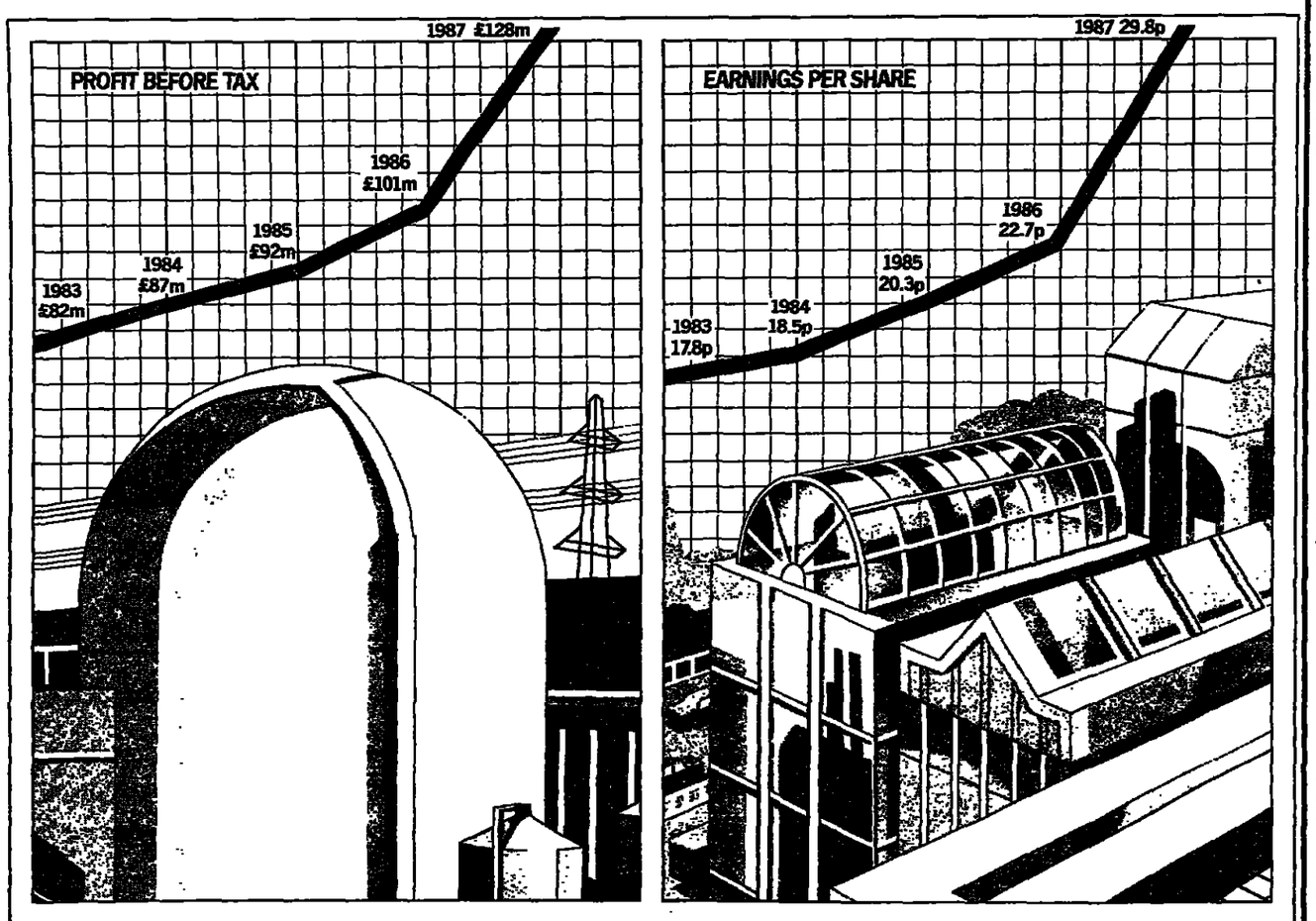
Boosey and Hawkes, one of the best known names in the musical instruments industry, advanced by 9p to 207p on takeover hopes.

Windjammer, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Filmtrax, has increased its stake in the company to nearly 9.5 per cent and hopes are high that a full bid will soon follow.

Marley, the building materials group, rose by 7p to 158p ahead of the full-year figures later this month. BZW reckons that pretax profits will reach £55 million against £34.2 million last time.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

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	1987 £m	1986 £m
Turnover	2,489	2,143
Profits before interest	136	114
Net interest payable	8	13
Profits before taxation	128	101
Taxation	46	39
Profits after taxation	82	62
Minority interests and preference dividends	18	17
Attributable profit before extraordinary items	64	45
Extraordinary items (net)	–	(13)
Attributable profit	64	32
Earnings per share before extraordinary items	29.8p	22.7p
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WALL STREET

Blue chips recover early loss

New York (Reuter) – Shares generally turned higher in early trading yesterday as blue chips recovered small, opening losses and joined the rest of the market in gaining. Brokers reported that early profit-taking was not unexpected and that the market was following up Tuesday's advance.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 2 points higher at 2,083.07 after falling to 2,077 at the opening. Rising issues outnumbered declining ones by three to two. Japanese shares rose after an overnight rally in Tokyo.

Matsushita was up by 4¼ to 200, Honda Motor was ahead by 2% to 129, while Hitachi was 2% up at 108.

TOKYO

Share prices ahead in robust trading

(Reuter) – Prices closed higher yesterday in robust trading because of renewed, aggressive buying of large capital shares after Tuesday's decline. Interest in apparently cheaper stock limited long-term profit-taking, brokers said.

"No one is in the mood to sell. The same thing is happening in New York," one said.

The Nikkei Dow index rose 139.66 points, or 0.55 per cent, to 25,605.39.

	Mar 8	Mar 7
AMR Cp	42½	43¼
ASA	47½	48
Aetna Life	47⅝	47⅞
Allied Signal	33⅝	33½
Allis Chlm	1⅛	1⅛
Alcoa	47⅜	46½
Amax Inc	18⅝	18⅝
AMR Hess	29⅝	28⅝
Am Brands	46⅞	46⅝
Am Cynmd	53	52½
Am Ele Pwr	26⅝	26½
Amexco	28	27½
Am Family	14⅜	14½
Am Home	81½	80½
Am Int Grp	58½	57¼
Am Stand	73	73¼
Am Telph	28⅝	28⅝
Amoco Cp	74½	73⅝
Anheuser B	32⅝	31½
Armco Steel	12	11⅝
Asarco Inc	24⅝	24
Ashland Oil	63⅜	62½
Atl Richfld	76⅝	75⅞
Avon Prod	23⅜	23½
Bk Boston	24⅛	24⅛
Bank NY	29⅜	29½
Bankamer	9	8⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	35½	36½
Baxter	25⅞	24⅝
Beth Steel	22	21⅝
Boeing	47⅝	47½
Boise Casc	48⅛	47⅜
Borden	57⅜	56⅛
Bristl Meyr	44⅜	44½
BP	56⅜	55⅝
Brunswick	21¼	20⅛
Burl Nth	68⅝	68⅝
CBS	163½	164
CNS Engy	16⅝	16⅛
CPC Int	46⅜	46⅝
CSX Cp	29⅝	29
Camp Soup	28⅜	28⅞
Can Pacific	19	18⅞
Caterpillar	64¼	64⅜
Centrl SW	31⅜	31⅜
Champion	36⅞	37
Chase Man	25⅝	25⅛
Chem NY	25¼	24⅞
Chevron	46	45
Chrysler	25⅛	24⅝
Citicorp	21⅞	20⅜
Clark Eq	25⅞	26
Coca Cola	38⅝	37⅜
Colgate	45	44⅛
Columb Gas	33⅛	32⅝
Cmb'tn Eng	34⅜	33⅜
Cmwlth Edi	28⅝	28⅛
Cons Edis	44	44⅛
Consol Ng	35⅜	35⅝
Cont Data	28⅜	28⅝
Corning Gl	55⅝	55⅞
Crane	29⅛	29⅝
Curtiss W	51½	52⅛
Data Gen'l	26⅝	26⅜
Deere Co	43⅞	44⅜
Delta Air	47⅝	48
Detroit Edi	14⅛	14⅛
Digital Eq	123⅜	124⅜
Disney	62⅛	61⅝
Dow Chem	89⅛	88
Dresser Ind	30⅜	29⅝
Dupont	87½	84⅞
Duke Pwr	46⅝	46⅝
East Kodak	43⅝	43½
Eaton Cp	74⅜	73
Emerson El	35	34⅝
Emery Air	7⅞	7⅞
Exxon	42⅜	42
Farah Inc	10	9⅝
Fedders	8	8
Firestone	82⅝	83¼
Fst Chicago	23⅛	22⅝
Fst Int Bncp	46½	46⅜
Fst Penn C	10⅛	10
FT Wachva	38⅛	38½
Ford Motor	45⅞	46
GAF Cp	54½	54⅛
GTE Cp	38⅝	38⅝
Gen Cp	22⅝	22½
Gn Dynam	54	54⅛
Gen Electric	44⅛	43⅜
Gen Inst	33⅜	32⅛
Gen Mills	50⅝	50½
Gen Motors	72⅛	72
Gen Pub Ut	32¼	32⅛
Genesco	4⅜	4⅜
Georgia Pac	38⅝	37⅞
Gillette	39⅞	40⅛
Goodrich	51¼	50⅝
Goodyear	61⅜	60⅝
Gould Inc	12⅜	12⅛
Grace Cp	27½	28¼
Grt Atl Pac	39	38⅝
Greyhnd	31½	32¼
Grumman	19⅜	19¼
Gulf & West	80⅞	80⅛
Heinz	43⅝	43
Hercules	53	51¾
Hewlett Pk	62⅝	63
Honeywell	66⅛	65¾
IC Ind	36⅛	36⅝
ITT Cp	46⅝	46⅛
INCO	23⅜	23½
Ing Rand Wi	37⅝	37⅜
Inland Steel	33½	33½
IBM	117⅝	117⅛
Int Paper	45⅛	44⅜
Irving Bk	56⅛	54⅛
Jaser S Jhsn	63⅛	62⅝
K Mart	35⅜	34⅛
Kaisertech	11⅛	11⅛
Kerr McGee	36½	35⅜
Kimbrly Clrk	59⅛	57⅞
Kraft	55	55½
Kroger	29⅛	29⅛
LTV Cp	3⅝	3⅜
Litton	84½	83½
Lockheed	45⅛	44½
Lucky Str	29⅞	30
Man H'river	26⅛	28⅛
Manville	2½	2⅜
Mapco	52½	52⅝
Marriott	31⅞	31
Mt Marietta	46⅜	46⅜
Masco	26⅛	26⅛
Mcdonalds	47¼	45⅞
McDonnell	63¾	63¼
Mead Cp	39¼	40
Merck	164⅛	163⅝
Minnsta Mng	58⅝	58⅛
Mobil	43⅛	44⅛
Monsanto	88⅝	88½
Montedison	10⅛	10⅝
Morgan Jp	35⅞	36
Motorola	49⅞	48⅝
NCR	65⅛	65⅞
NL Indstrs	7½	7⅛
Nat Md Ent	22⅛	22⅛
Nat Semi	12⅝	12½
Norfolk Sth	28⅛	28⅛
NW Bancrp	44	43⅞
Occid Petl	26⅛	28
Ogden Cp	31¼	31¼
Olin Cp	53⅛	53
PPG Ind	40⅝	40¼
Pac Gas El	16⅝	17
Pan Am	3	2⅝
Penney JC	47⅜	47¼
Pennzoil	74⅝	74⅝
Pepsico	36¼	36⅝
Pfizer	54⅞	55¼
Phelps Dod	41⅞	40⅝
Philip Mor	98⅜	93⅝
Philip Petl	15⅛	14⅝
Polaroid	34⅝	36
Primerica	29⅜	30
Proct Gble	82¼	80⅝
Pub SE Gr	24	24⅛
R Nabisco	52⅜	51⅞
Raytheon	68⅛	68⅛
Rynlds Metl	45⅝	43⅝
Rockwell Int	18⅛	18⅜
Royal Dutch	114⅜	113⅝
SFE Sopac	23½	23⅜
Sara Lee	43⅛	42⅝
Schlumb	34¼	33½
Scott Pap	75⅝	75⅛
Seagram	56⅞	56⅝
Sears Roeb	38⅝	38¼
Shell Trans	75¼	74⅜
Singer	48⅛	48⅛
Smith Beck	59⅝	58⅝
Sony Cp	41	40¾
Sth Cal Ed	31½	31⅝
SW Bell	37⅞	37⅝
Squibb	67⅜	66⅞
Stanl Drug	n.a	n.a
Stevens JP	56⅝	56⅛
Sun Comp	55	53⅜
TRW Inc	48½	48⅝
Teledyne	334	331½
Tenneco	42⅝	42
Texaco	45⅝	45¼
Tex Eastn	30⅝	32¼
Texas Inst	55⅜	54⅝
Tex Util	28⅝	28⅝
Textron	23⅝	23
Travelers	37	36⅝
USG	38⅝	38⅝
USX Cp	33¾	33¼
Unilever Plc	36⅞	36⅝
Un Carbide	24⅝	23⅞
Un Pac Cp	62¼	60⅝
Unisys Cp	37	36⅝
Utd Brands	48½	48
Us West	54⅞	54⅜
Utd Tech	40	39⅝
Unocal	36	35
Warn Lamb	75⅛	74⅝
Wells Far	54⅜	55⅛
Westg El	52⅛	51¾
Weyerhsr	42⅝	42¾
Whirlpool	28⅝	29
Woodworth	45⅝	45⅞
Xerox Cp	58⅛	58⅝
Zenith	18⅝	19⅛

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico Eag	20	18⅝
Alcan Alum	37	37⅛
Algoma Stl	18.50	17.62
Can Pacific	23⅝	23⅞
Cominco	16⅞	16⅛
Con Bathrst	18⅜	18⅛
Hawk S Can	21⅜	21½
Hud Bay M	21¼	21¼
Imasco	29	28
Imperial Oil	57⅛	56⅝
Int Pipe	45½	45
Royl Trstco	15⅜	15⅝
Seagram	71⅛	71
Shaleo 'A'	38⅜	38⅝
Thmsn N 'A'	27⅛	27⅜
Varity Cp	3.75	3.50
WCT	17	17
Weston	32¼	32⅛

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Ultramar set for expansion after earnings rise to £39m

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Ultramar, the independent oil company that generates most earnings from its Canadian and Indonesian operations, yesterday announced 1987 profits of £39.5 million, on continuing operations after tax, compared with a loss of almost half a million pounds the year before.

The results were slightly lower than City expectations, largely because Ultramar uses the sterling-dollar exchange rate on the last day of the year, which has led to artificially depressed profits being shown. The company is considering moving to an average figure in future.

The final dividend will be 4.2p, taking the full year amount to 6.5p, a rise of 24 per cent on the 5.25p in 1986. Shareholders may also elect to take fully paid shares instead of cash dividends.

The City expects Ultramar to be in an acquisitive mood this year because it has tax benefits it could use to add to its North Sea portfolio. It is also likely to expand its retailing outlets in Canada to take advantage of the modernization it has carried out at its Quebec refinery.

Ultramar is protected from the falling oil price to a certain extent by the size of its gas assets in Indonesia, which are sold to Japan on term contracts. It is likely that a record number of cargoes will be sold to Japan in the first quarter of this year.

In the last quarter of 1987 31 cargoes were shipped into the Japanese market. In the first three months of this year as many as 40 cargoes could be picked up by the Japanese. A fifth liquefied natural gas plant is being installed in Indonesia to supply new contracts in Taiwan, and at present gas sales are running at the equivalent of 90,000 barrels of oil a day.

The company will also benefit from a change in the cargo size of North Sea crude from 600,000 to 500,000 barrels, to come into effect later this year.

This will allow the company to use its fleet of four specialist bulk carriers in this market. The ships are specially built to take oil into Canada through iced-up waters, and can then be used to take grain shipments from Canada. Their use has been limited because of the inability to pick up full North Sea cargoes.

Mr Lloyd Bensen, the chairman, said: "We have a sound operational and financial base from which to expand over the longer term."

Acquisitions cement CRH increase

By Alexandra Jackson

Acquisitions at the end of 1986 and during last year were the main factor behind the 27 per cent rise in 1987 pretax profits from CRH, the international building materials group based in Eire.

The group spent IR£123 million (£107.7 million) on acquisitions last year. The largest, costing IR£62.6 million was in Spain, with others in Britain, The Netherlands and the US. Currency movements reduced pretax profits by IR£2.5 million.

The Irish market remained depressed. CRH has a continuing redundancy programme which has halved its Irish workforce in recent years to 3,000. The higer cost of this cut profits by IR£1 million.

Land sales next to the group's green-field concrete roof tile operations in Gravesend, Kent, boosted profits by about IR£2 million.

Mr Tony Barry, chief executive, said: "We are confident that 1988 will be a further year of progress and achievement for CRH."

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Confident of progress: Tony Barry, CRH's chief executive (Photograph by James Morgan)

Advance at Pittard hit by imports

By Michael Tate

Cheap footwear imports from the Far East have trimmed shoe-upper margins at Pittard Garnar, the company that resulted from last June's merger of Pittard Group and Garnar Booth.

It is one reason why, despite a 29.2 per cent rise in turnover to £156.9 million in 1987, the group produced pretax profits up only 19.6 per cent at £6.36 million, against £5.32 million.

Earnings per share were up from 16.8p to 19.6p, and a 4.15p final dividend lifts the year's total from 5.12p to 5.9p.

The group is writing off £3 million on its Northern Ireland business, Atlantic Tanning, where import pressures have contributed losses of £400,000 in the second half, £595,000 for the year. The business will be closed.

The Scottish animal by-products business in Alyth, which lost £110,000 last year, has already been closed.

£5.7m for Attwoods

Attwoods, the waste disposal group which makes 70 per cent of its money in the US, has reported profits of £5.73 million for the six months to end-January, against £4.58 million previously. It is paying a 2p interim dividend, against 1.5p last time. Earnings per share are down from 8.07p to 7.5p.

But in dollar terms the pretax growth rate is 46.7 per cent, and a healthy 16 per cent after stripping out acquisitions. Earnings are 26.2 per cent higher.

Next month will bring the $16 million (£8.7 million) acquisition of Eastern Waste, through a share swap deal, taking the group beyond Florida into five other states.

Increase for Abbott

Abbott Mead Vickers, the advertising agency, ended 1987 with net cash in the bank of £2 million – despite having moved into new headquarters – and with gross billings up over the year from £69.3 million to £97.5 million.

The group, which remains essentially a British-based business, says it still has ambitions to make an acquisition in the United States.

Pretax profits rose from £3.18 million to £4.04 million, which lifted earnings from 15.05p to 19.75p a share. The annual dividend rises from 3.5p to 4.5p a share. The shares eased 2p to 231p.

COMMENT

Budget holds sway in the shares tug of war

London share prices do not know which way to go. Good company results are pulling in one direction, then caution over continued high base rates and the effect of an expensive pound on industry pulls back in the other. But there should be a decisive movement soon.

London's relatively sluggish post-crash recovery compared with Wall Street and Tokyo has been an enduring conundrum, though shared until recently in other European centres.

Last week, Europe started to move. After several failures, the FT-SE 100 share index finally jumped above 1,800 for the first time since October 22 in a belated attempt to stage a traditional pre-budget run. Shares indices in Paris and Frankfurt also broke into new post-crash ground in response to further rises on Wall Street. And the volume of trading has returned to a much healthier level – usually a good sign.

That was enough to convince some leading chartwatchers. Richard Lake of SBCI Savory Milln, has swiftly rushed a prediction to his clients that the FT-SE looks poised for a quick move to 2,000. There is certainly plenty of money around to fulfil this prophecy if the institutions decide this is the moment.

Peter Thompson of BZW equally likes the atmosphere for a late pre-Budget surge. He is not worried by Mrs Thatcher's use of the exchange rate as anti-inflationary medicine to cure employers of excessive pay settlements. But he does give the case for caution.

British share prices have sagged after the Budget in each of the past three buoyant years. And once Nigel Lawson's all-dominant speech is out of the way, there will be a series of economic statistics that could well show the markets some unpleasant realities – not least over a deteriorating trade balance. The combination of high interest rates and a rising exchange rate should be much better news for the gilt-edged market than for shares.

This puts more than usual importance on the Budget itself. Even a modest boost to consumer demand would look odd against high interest rates and poor trade figures. Mrs Thatcher's message may well have been that demand management is not to make a comeback just when the space is there for reasonable tax cuts. Will the markets agree?

The crucial test is probably whether the fear of permanent economic scars from the crash has been stilled on this side of the Atlantic. In the crash scenario, share price recoveries would be nipped in the bud when business confidence showed a lagged response to the stock market. But officially, say OECD economists, the crash has had little or no economic impact. If institutional share buyers become convinced of that, there is scope for British shares to catch up.

Sting in a successful tale

Barely a week went by last year without Hillsdown Holdings making an acquisition. And it is this image of a company set on frenetic corporate activity which appears to be responsible for its unimpressive stock market rating.

Yet to rate Hillsdown, arguably one of the real success stories of the 1980s, on a par with its fellow food manufacturers in line with the stock market as a whole, is a travesty. Over the past seven years, profits have grown by more than 50 per cent each year while compound earnings growth has been well over 30 per cent.

Hillsdown is not coy about revealing how much of its growth comes from acquisitions and how much from organic growth, and merger accounting is not one of its habits. So the sceptics have very little ammunition apart from the British suspicion of blatant success.

For Hillsdown, making the acquisition is only the beginning. Improving margins through cost-cutting and product development is the key to the group's fortunes. Take the poultry business as an example. Acquisitions account for £50 million of the £150 million increased turnover, to £450 million, in the five years since 1982. But the profits have increased more than a dozen times, to £27 million. Hillsdown should turn over at least £3.5 billion this year. So every percentage point on margins equals £35 million on the bottom line.

The tendency for Hillsdown to sport a high gearing ratio has provided powder for the ammunition of the group's detractors. Last year, after the £165 million acquisition of Toronto-based Maple Leaf Mills, borrowings touched £500 million. By the year-end this figure had been reduced to £364 million, taking the net gearing ratio down below 94 per cent.

This treats the convertible as debt, but even on a less conservative basis gearing would be over 40 per cent. Hillsdown is not going to give up making acquisitions but it is, however, going to use its strong cashflow to bring borrowings down.

Given the still-fragmented market in which it operates and the relative immaturity of the industries it serves, there is no reason to expect Hillsdown to run out of steam. It is time the quality of earnings and management which generates them is reflected in the share price.

Profits up by 54% at Tyne Tees TV

By Alison Eadie

Tyne Tees Television Holdings, the independent contractor for the North-east, gave the lie to the North-South divide when it produced pretax profits 54 per cent higher at £6.5 million in the year ended December.

Advertising share held steady at just under 4 per cent. After a decline at the start of the year, the advertising share matched the overall industry growth from April onwards and has continued to do so for the first two months of this year.

Turnover rose by 9 per cent to £56.8 million and operating costs were held, with staff costs falling marginally due to a reduction of overall numbers and the introduction of flexible working practices for electricians.

Tyne Tees hopes to win the agreement of the technicians' union, ACTT, for a similar flexible working package and is considering withdrawing from the ITV Companies Association national agreement covering working practices with all unions.

The total dividend was raised by 48 per cent to 27.5p and a sub-division of the shares into 50p shares was proposed

Gale claims curb gains at Bejam

By Carol Ferguson

Bejam Group, the freezer specialist, reported pretax profits up just 6 per cent to £13.7 million at the interim stage, in spite of a solid performance at the operating level.

Higher interest costs, and £495,000 on freezer claims after last October's hurricane, were the main culprits.

Mr Laurence Don, Bejam's deputy chairman, said that the underlying earnings increase on a 26 weeks basis, against 27 weeks last year, was about 10 per cent. Price inflation had been about 2 per cent, volume growth 1 per cent, and new space contributed 7 per cent.

The interim dividend was up 11 per cent to 2.5p net.

The performance of Victor Value, the budget supermarket chain acquired two years ago, remains disappointing.

Mr Don said that capital investment in the first half of £14.9 million had caused interest costs to rise to nearly £900,000 in the first half. He said that capital spending would continue at a high level of about £15 million in the second half, and that the debt/equity ratio could reach 25 per cent by the year end.

Short Brothers designs new airliner

By Robert Rodwell

Short Brothers, the government-owned Belfast aerospace company, is working on the design of a new 44-seat twin-jet airliner for entry into the regional airline market in 1993-94, it was disclosed yesterday.

The low-wing aircraft, provisionally designated the FJX, would have a take-off weight of about 40,400lb and cruise at about Mach 0.8, over relatively lightly travelled secondary air routes. Incorporating new composite materials in its structure, the FJX is being designed around forthcoming small turbofan engines of US design.

Both Pratt and Whitney and the partnership of General Electric and Garrett are developing new engines of the required size.

The FJX was becoming more "crystallized" after about two years of feasibility studies, a spokeswoman for Short said. But many questions remained to be answered before a firm launch decision, and this was at least a year away, she emphasized.

The company will undertake market research to answer such questions as the exact passenger capacity and the amenities required, and the performance needed to satisfy customers' needs.

An important question will also concern funding because, at a cost of at least £100 million, development would be beyond Short's financial capacity if it were to act alone. It is, therefore, seeking a partnership with another leading aircraft company.

Gold to keep out the cold

The Duke of Abercorn could be forgiven for hoping that the £140 million gold find in Northern Ireland by Rule 535 company North West Exploration, in a 50/50 joint venture with Ulster Minerals – revealed yesterday – will bring him riches sooner rather than later. Over lunch at The Savoy, the 53-year-old aristocrat and one-time MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone revealed that Barons Court, his 200-year-old ancestral home in Omagh, Northern Ireland, covers more than an acre of ground. And that is just the building. "It does cost quite a bit to heat," he tells me. "In fact, during the summer, when we switch over to oil for our hot water, the bill comes to about £1,800 for just four months." The system for winter is much more elaborate. Timber from adjoining woodlands is splintered and baked in ovens for up to three months before being fed into the furnace. "It works so well that we have to open the windows," says the Duke. As non-executive chairman of North West, his 94,000 share stake is at present worth just £53,000. But he tells me that the company has also just discovered what could be among the biggest gypsum deposits in the world, and hopes that the value of his holding will soon increase. "Our shares rose after meltdown Monday," he says, "but have been falling ever since the market started to recover. Something seems to be wrong."

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Search for a Saatchi

The publicity-shy Saatchi brothers not only refuse to speak to journalists these days, they even, it seems, avoid their own shareholders. The ad agency's annual meeting at The Park Lane Hotel yesterday turned into something of a party, as chairman Maurice Saatchi revealed that the phenomenally successful company – profits have risen from £24,000 to £124 million and the share price by 10,000 per cent – was 18 years old. A sumptuous birthday cake, with blue and white icing, had been baked. But brother Charles was not there to claim his piece. So conspicuous was his absence that shareholders queried it, reminding Maurice that shy Charles had been missing from each of the previous five AGMs. "He's looking after the shop," was all Maurice would say, adding, to requests that he be persuaded to come along next year, "I will certainly try".

Fish tale

Somebody certainly seems to have it in for the fish at Triton Court, the glitzy new office block on the north side of Finsbury Square, London. Last month virtually all the three dozen or so carp which inhabited the ornamental pond in the atrium there were found dead in mysterious circumstances. Samples of the water were whisked away to specialist laboratories, but there was apparently insufficient water for a conclusive verdict to be reached. The pond was refilled and stocked with a new shoal of carp. But, only days later, the visiting young son of a unit trust manager at Royal London Mutual, owners of the freehold, spotted fish floating on the surface once again. Swift action from a specialist fish resuscitation service saved all but five. More water, this time enough for very exhaustive tests, has, I am told, been despatched to the experts but the jury is still out. Meanwhile, the pond remains empty until the cause of the mystery killings has been detected.



Dewe on Japan

Dewe Rogerson, which can claim the distinction of being the first of London's financial public relations firms to open an office in Tokyo – it has been *in situ* there since last October – may have unearthed a whole new public relations dimension. Its resident Japanese expert, who heads a staff of four, is ex-James Capel analyst Dave Keller, an American with a Japanese wife, who once did a stint in Japan as a Shinto priest. Keller, however, is anything but a religious zealot. It was, I am assured, all part of an oriental studies course and designed to help him understand the Japanese mind. Financial public relations is, Dewe Rogerson admits, a new concept in Japan – according to one regular visitor to Japan, it has hitherto simply meant the procurement of prostitutes for businessmen. Roddy Dewe, chairman of Dewe Rogerson, is quick to differentiate his firm's service as "the communications arm of the financial services business," and avers, on the subject of ladies of the night: "We wouldn't know how to do it".

● **It is not all sackings and redundancies within the Square Mile. Brokers CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank has just recruited ex-Shearson Lehman options specialist Lesley Powell, and says that she will be the first of several such appointments, designed to strengthen its traded options team.**

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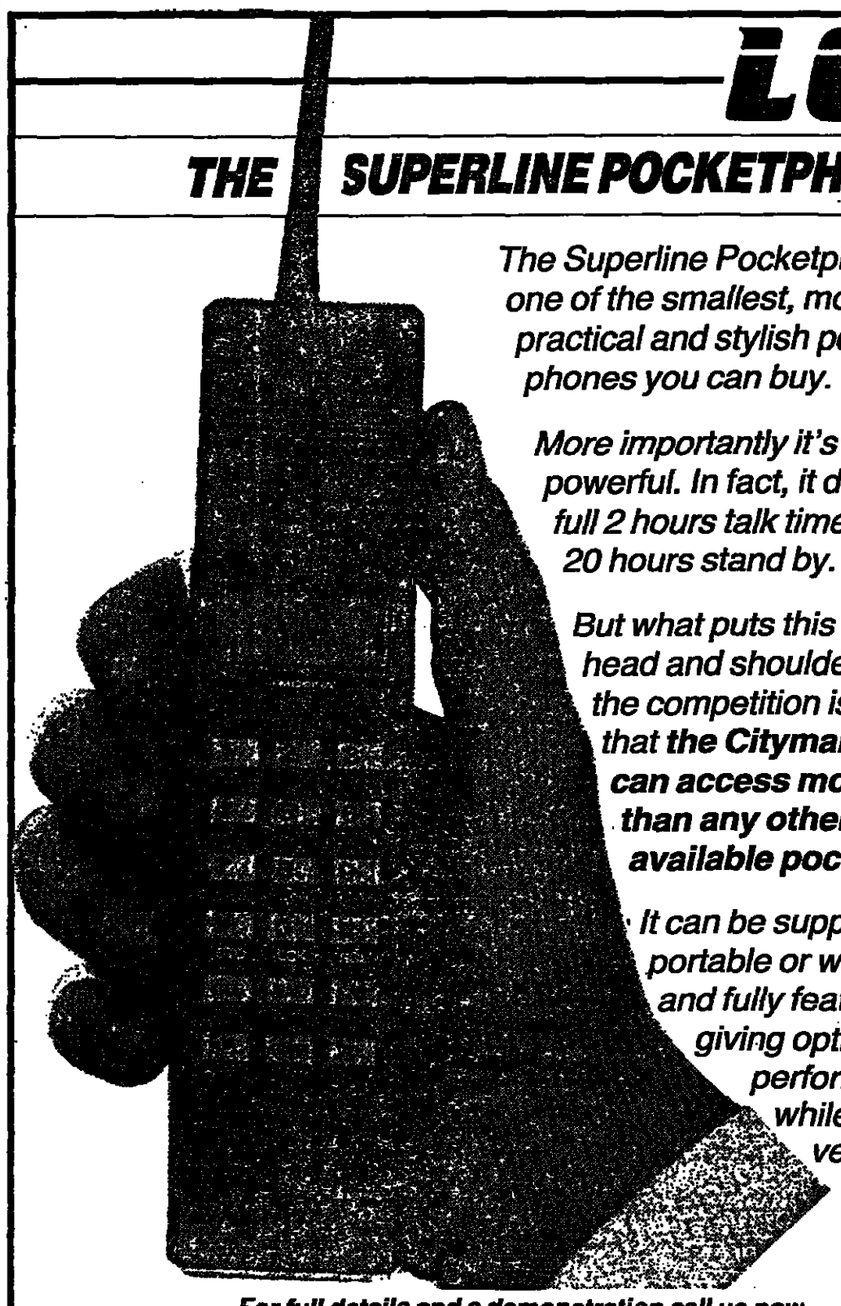
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Adsteam slows to £27m in first half

Adelaide (Reuter) — Mr John Spalvins, managing director of the Adelaide Steamship Company (Adsteam), said the group expected to earn a satisfactory full-year profit, in spite of an 8.9 per cent fall in first half earnings.

Adsteam, the diversified industrial and investment group, had reported that equity-accounted net profit fell to Aus$68.37 million (£27.56 million) in the half ended December 31 from Aus$75.05 million a year earlier. The group earned Aus$168.34 million net in 1986-87.

Mr Spalvins said the uncertainty in the markets reduced opportunities for trading, and adversely affected the contribution from investment and other corporate activity.

Adsteam was concerned about high stock prices before the crash and its only material exposure was in large associates, Australian banks and Royal Insurance and Commercial Union Assurance Company, the insurers.

"We regard these as safe long-term positions as all were acquired at a price below the net asset value of each company and on conservative price-earning ratios and therefore could be regarded as defensive in nature," Mr Spalvins said.

Adsteam's equity share of associates' earnings contributed Aus$30.99 million to interim net profit, against Aus$37.22 million previously.

Companies take the plunge by linking wages to profits

Pay in a brave new world

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Pay for the workers, profit for the shareholders — that has long been the rule for the great majority of the world's toilers. But from the beginning of this year a few brave companies have taken the plunge into profit-related pay (PRP), the Government's tax-favoured scheme for linking part of workers' pay packets to the financial fortunes of their firms.

Under the scheme, the profit-related element must be at least 5 per cent of total pay, and will attract tax relief up to a maximum of 20 per cent of pay, or £3,000 a year, whichever is smaller. Half the PRP will be free of income tax.

If the firms prosper then the proportion of pay linked to profits will gradually rise. From relatively small beginnings the share of profits in the pay packet could rise over a period of decades to half or more of the total wage.

Either we are witnessing the start of a revolution in what determines how much people take home, or in a year or two PRP will be just another failed attempt to ensure that the pay bill bears some relation to a company's capacity to pay it.

One of the companies quick to take advantage of the Government's scheme is Laughton & Sons, a family-owned Birmingham manufacturing firm with 750 employees and profits of £2 million, which makes accessories for hair care, powder compacts and men's jewellery.



Counting on profits: Michael Laughton and some of the workers at his company

Why should a family-owned concern want to hand over part of the profits to the workforce? The answer is that they think profits will increase faster in the long run with PRP than without.

"It is very early days," says Mr Michael Laughton, the managing director. "But we have noticed quite a big difference in people's attitudes already. There is more enthusiasm for new ideas and a more ready acceptance of change where it is necessary."

Mrs Dorothy Kenny, union representative for the majority Transport and General Workers' Union, cautiously agrees. "I think they may watch more carefully for waste because they will say: 'That's our profit'."

By introducing PRP the company hopes to defuse and rationalize the annual pay bargaining round, and so improve the whole industrial relations atmosphere in the company. "We used to go through the hassle that most companies go through," says Mr Bryan Higgs, the finance director. "The unions would put forward a somewhat exaggerated pay claim, the company would make a lowish offer and we would settle somewhere in between."

The management now expects to keep basic pay roughly in line with inflation, and settles the annual pay increment more quickly and amicably. The more difficult question of increases above that — the employees' participation in the increased wealth being created by the business — will be covered semi-automatically by the PRP formula.

More flexibility in the pay packet, so that businesses are better able to keep their workers through the lean times, was one of the main reasons that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, decided to introduce a tax incentive for profit-related pay.

But how will the workforce take to a cut in their PRP "bonus" when profits fall? "I think it all depends when a downturn occurs," says Mrs Kenny. "If we see two or three years of good profits then people may be prepared to take the rough with the smooth."

For the workforce, money rather than job security has been the major inducement. PRP will be paid in two annual instalments, an interim payment in December and a final payment in May as soon as the profit figures for the previous year have been audited. This should give shop floor workers in total about £250-£300 extra a year.

Mr Ken Skeoch, representing the Amalgamated Engineering Union workers, says: "Personally I would prefer an increase in basic pay but my members are prepared to give PRP a year's trial. There is no doubt it is nice to get a lump sum at Christmas and another before the summer holidays."

Would the company have set up a similar scheme without the incentive of tax relief? "I don't know," confesses Mr Higgs. "It probably turned the scales in favour. We didn't have a scheme of our own and it was convenient to hang our hat on the Government's." Now it is in place it is not likely to be abandoned, even if tax relief were removed.

APPOINTMENTS

New Helical Bar chief

Helical Bar: Mr John Southwell has been elected chairman.

TR International (Chemicals): Mr Colin Clapshoe and Mr Andrew Jakeway become directors.

Wyatt Personal Financial Services: Mr David Dow is made a director.

Cambridge Life Sciences: Mr Howard Thomas is now chairman.

Joy Manufacturing Company: Mr Robin Donald becomes managing director.

Crossland Otter Hunt: Mr Nigel Hunt, Mr Bryan Pontifex, Mr Mark Otter and Mr David Crossland are made directors.

AJB Industries: Mr Alan Bowkett is made chief executive and Mr Ian Galloway, Mr Roy Hammond and Mr Gavin Morris become directors.

French Connection Group: Mr Stephen Kosnowski becomes group finance director.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Calls Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Allid Lyon... ('368)	330	45	52	58	4	11	15
	360	20	30	40	11	23	27
	390	8	20	27	28	40	42
Bass... ('840)	750	100	120	140	7	17	23
	800	60	85	110	12	30	40
	850	28	52	77	32	55	62
Brit Air... ('177)	140	39	42	44	1	4	6
	160	21	25	31	3	10	13
	180	6½	12	18	11	18	21
Brit Com... ('305)	300	20	30	40	9	22	25
	330	6	17	25	30	37	42
	360	2	8	17	57	62	65
Brit Gas... ('137)	130	11	17½	20	3½	6½	10
	140	5	11½	15	8½	11½	15½
	160	1	6	-	24	25	-
BP... ('268)	240	24	34	40	3	7	12
	260	11	23	28	8	13	18
	280	4	12	-	23	27	-
British... ('505)	420	82	-	-	1½	3	5
	460	50	45	55	3	6	10
	500	15	29	35	6	15	25
Cons Gold... ('863)	800	95	125	150	20	40	65
	850	54	100	115	38	65	85
	900	32	72	-	70	95	-
Courtauld... ('331)	300	38	45	53	7	14	18
	330	17	28	35	14	28	32
	360	6	16	24	35	50	52
Com Union... ('323)	390	1½	9	-	63	70	-
	300	33	47	50	3	13	18
	330	14	30	35	18	27	32
	360	5	15	22	40	43	50
C & W... ('351)	330	36	50	63	8	20	25
	360	17	34	50	21	32	40
	390	6	18	32	42	50	60
GEC... ('156)	140	20	25	28	1½	5	7
	160	6	14	17	6	12	16
	180	2	7	10	25	28	30
GKN... ('339)	280	59	63	67	3	9	14
	300	39	48	54	6	14	22
	330	15	28	36	17	27	35
	360	5	16	-	40	45	-
Grand Met... ('493)	390	108	120	-	1	4	-
	420	80	95	102	1½	8	12
	460	45	65	75	7	17	25
	500	20	40	52	23	32	40
ICI... ('1048)	1050	110	150	-	6	26	-
	1000	75	115	135	22	40	60
	1050	47	90	-	63	80	-
	1100	25	65	85	75	90	110
Jaguar... ('322)	300	28	40	52	10	19	25
	330	12	24	38	25	35	38
	360	4½	15	27	48	55	60
Land Sec... ('513)	420	98	103	113	2	6	9
	460	60	72	85	5	15	18
	500	32	47	62	15	28	33
M & S... ('181)	160	23	28	31	2	6	9
	180	8	16	20	8	14	18
	200	2	8	12	23	28	31
R-Royce... ('133)	120	16	20	25	3½	7	10
	130	8	13	18	6½	12	15
	140	3½	9	13	14	18	21
STC... ('246)	220	28	40	48	3	8	12
	240	16	26	36	9	15	21
	260	5	16	25	21	26	32
Sainsbury... ('245)	200	50	52	-	1	3	-
	220	30	36	41	3	7	9
	240	15	22	28	7	13	16
Shell... ('1000)	1000	42	60	95	35	55	70
	1050	22	55	-	70	75	-
	1100	9	37	55	110	120	130
Storehse... ('246)	220	32	40	48	3	10	13
	240	19	27	33	7	18	23
	260	8	18	23	17	27	33
	280	2	10	-	35	37	-
Trafalgar... ('329)	300	35	42	53	3	13	17
	330	17	25	35	13	25	28
	360	6	15	23	37	45	50
TSB... ('112)	100	15	19	21	1	3	4
	110	8	14	15	3	7	8
	120	4	7	10	9	12	13
Woolworth... ('284)	250	22	40	47	4	15	20
	280	20	30	35	13	25	32
	300	9	20	27	25	35	40

	Calls Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Glaxo... ('1075)	950	130	155	190	2	17	30
	1000	82	118	157	4	30	45
	1050	40	84	125	14	45	65
	1100	14	62	97	40	75	90
Hanson... ('139)	110	28	31½	-	¼	1	-
	120	19	22½	26	½	2½	4½
	130	9	15½	19½	½	5	8
	140	2½	9¼	15	4	9	13
Hawker... ('483)	420	67	82	90	1	10	20
	460	28	43	65	2	25	35
	500	5	25	45	16	47	55
Lonhro... ('259)	220	40	46	53	1	3½	7
	240	21	32	38	1	8	13
	260	5	20	27	7	17	21
	280	1½	12	18	23	28	33
Midland... ('400)	360	40	62	70	1	8	13
	380	13	40	50	5	20	25
	420	3	25	33	25	33	47
Sears... ('130)	120	12	16	21	1	5	8
	130	3½	11	17	3	10	14
	140	1	6	11	12	17	19
Tesco... ('166)	140	27	34	36	1	3	5
	160	9	19	24	3	10	12
	183	1	-	-	19	-	-
Thorn EMI... ('504)	500	105	124	132	1	6	12
	550	55	80	92	1½	13	25
	600	13	45	60	9	30	44
	650	1½	27	-	50	62	-
THF... ('240)	200	42	47	52	1	2	5
	220	22	32	38	1½	6	11
	240	5	20	27	5	14	18
Unilever... ('496)	460	38	52	72	2	18	24
	500	10	30	48	14	35	45
	550	1½	13	28	56	67	75
Wellcome... ('486)	390	98	110	127	1	6	14
	420	68	85	105	1	12	23
	460	30	59	82	4	25	32

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA... ('107)	100	14	19	25	5	12	16
	110	8	14	19	9	18	21
	120	4	9	-	16	23	-
Brit Aero... ('376)	300	80	90	-	3½	8	-
	330	52	57	67	9	17	25
	360	29	38	50	23	30	40
	390	13	25	35	38	45	55
BAT Ind... ('453)	390	67	77	-	5	10	-
	420	42	57	67	13	22	27
	460	20	36	47	33	42	48
	500	9	-	-	62	-	-
Brit Tele... ('245)	200	35	42	47½	1	7	10
	220	15	23	29	5	16	20
	240	6	13	20	26	30	-
Cadbury... ('261)	240	25	39	48	6	14	18
	260	14	28	36	17	24	24
	280	7½	20	28	28	35	40
Guinness... ('309)	260	55	-	63	3	-	10
	280	35	-	50	7	-	20
	300	20	-	40	16	-	30
Ladbroke... ('386)	300	62	65	-	1½	5	-
	330	55	70	75	4	9	13
	360	38	48	55	10	18	23
LASMO... ('314)	280	45	53	65	10	15	25
	300	30	42	52	18	27	33
	330	16	30	37	37	43	48
Pilkington... ('229)	200	37	43	52	3	9	12
	220	23	28	37	10	18	20
	240	14	18	25	20	28	33
	260	7	12	-	33	42	-
Plessey... ('166)	140	32	35	42	2	7	9
	160	18	21	30	9	15	19
	180	8	13	19	20	26	30
P & O... ('576)	500	82	90	105	7	13	20
	550	42	60	75	20	30	40
	600	28	35	50	52	60	67
Prudential... ('856)	800	75	80	110	25	35	48
	850	55	65	80	50	55	75
	900	28	45	-	80	85	-
Racal... ('228)	200	35	40	48	3	8	10
	220	20	28	36	9	17	20
	240	10	18	26	20	27	30
RTZ... ('375)	300	80	87	-	5	15	-
	330	56	64	77	8	25	27
	360	33	43	55	18	33	38
	380	21	-	-	35	-	-
Vasl Reefs... ('598)	90	13	20	22	7	11	13
	100	8	14	17	13	17	18
	110	5	10	20	24	-	-
Tr 12%... 1995 ('114)	110	3⅜	3⅝	-	⅛	⅛	1⅛
	112	2⅛	2⅝	2⅝	1⅛	1⅜	2⅛
	114	1⅛	1⅜	1⅝	2⅛	2⅜	3⅛
	116	⅜	⅝	1⅛	3⅝	4⅛	4⅞
Tr 11¾%... 03/07 ('121)	114	6⅜	-	-	⅜	-	-
	116	5⅛	-	-	⅞	-	-
	118	3⅜	-	-	1⅞	-	-
	120	2¼	-	-	2⅝	-	-
	122	1⅜	-	-	3⅝	-	-

FT-SE INDEX ('1817)

Series	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1800	235	242	-	-	4	11	-	-
1850	192	195	210	225	8	17	23	33
1700	140	153	170	185	9	25	33	45
1750	97	115	133	150	20	36	48	58
1800	58	83	100	120	33	55	67	75
1850	33	53	73	93	58	77	90	98
1900	15	35	52	68	92	108	120	128

March 9, 1988 Total: 27063 Calls 16958 Puts 10125 FT-SE: Calls 762 Puts 302
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 29	March 11	June 6	June 13

Call options were taken out on: 9/3/88 Cauldon Grp., Control Secs., Plessey, BP, Helene Of London, Campari, Cadbury Schweppes, Western Mining, Inoco.
Put: Control Secs.
Put & Call: BP p/p.

Invest more in EEC, Japan told

From Jonathan Braude
Brussels

The European Commission yesterday issued a stern warning to Japan to import more goods from the European Economic Community, and invest for more jobs in Europe.

Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC Trade Commissioner, said Japan stood to benefit from the creation of a true Common Market by 1992. But he said it must respond by making greater efforts to open up its own market.

The warning came as the Brussels executive released a report on trade relations between the European Community and Japan, showing a fall in Europe's trade deficit and an encouraging rise in Japanese domestic demand.

The Commission's report said Europe's exports to Japan, including non-monetary gold, rose by 20 per cent last year. Without gold they rose by 8.7 per cent. However, Europe's imports from Japan rose by 6.1 per cent.

Mr de Clercq said much of the change in trading patterns was the result of exchange rate fluctuation. However, Japan's exports to Europe were still three times as high as trade in the opposite direction.

The Commissioner said the new sector-by-sector approach taken in negotiations with Japan over the past year had shown real benefits in three important areas: motor vehicles, medical equipment and cosmetics.

Encouraged by these successes, the Commission would continue its sectoral approach with pharmaceuticals, counterfeit products and agricultural products.

The Commissioner said that commercial and economic relations with Japan were not all bad. He said Brussels welcomed Japanese investment in Europe, provided it helped produce the jobs EEC countries so badly needed. Japan had invested $13,000 million in the Community in 1986, a figure 10 times the level of EEC investment in Japan.

However, Mr de Clercq was concerned that more than a third of Japan's investment in the European Community was in insurance and banking. Much of the rest was in factories assembling parts for Japanese manufacturers.

"In other words," he said, "the structure of Japanese investment has not changed over the years, but remains principally designed to support exports."

ALPHA STOCKS

Because of technical difficulties we are unable to provide yesterday's prices. The figures below refer to Monday's trading.

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	550	Cadbury	2047	Land Sec	982	Rowntree	624
Abbey	1675	Coats	908	Laporte	193	Royal Bank	1454
Allid-Lyons	1634	CU	325	L&G	849	Royal Ins	1611
Amstrad	542	Cons Gold	408	Lloyds	6305	Saatchi	1034
ASDA	1643	Cookson	148	Lonrho	2716	Sainsbury	809
AB Foods	653	Courtaulds	464	Lucas	231	Scot & N	4960
Argyll	2093	Daigety	122	Magnet	79	Sears	2692
BAA	1320	Dee	3504	M&S	4174	Sedgwick	793
BET	260	Dixons	3065	Maxwell Cm	237	Shell	2488
BTR	1493	ECC	369	MEPC	555	Smith & N	360
BAT	1568	*Enterprise*	*3160*	Metal Box	513	STC	914
Barclays	433	Ferranti	424	Midland	361	Stan Chart	280
Bass	427	Fisons	5348	NatWest	742	Storehse	552
Beecham	4527	*Gen Acc*	285	Next	271	*Sun Alliance*	117
Beazer	1125	GEC	4875	Nth Food	524	T & N	78
BICC	71	Glaxo	1651	P&O	589	Tarmac	1135
Blue Arrow	*7828*	Globe	*58*	*Pearl*	*41*	*Tate & Lyle*	*97*
Blue Circle	1660	Granada	124	Pearson	133	TSB	4943
BOC	1095	Grand Met	1355	Pilkington	1475	Tesco	2805
Boots	*1410*	*GUS 'A'*	207	*Plessey*	*912*	*Thorn EMI*	*781*
BPB	3114	GRE	170	Prudential	668	Trafalgar	2363
Br Aero	18648	GKN	2437	Racal	1373	THF	1725
Br Airways	508	Guinness	889	Rk Hovis	332	*Ultramar*	*847*
Br Comm	471	Hamm 'A'	205	Rank	1183	Unigate	2386
Br Gas	5360	Hanson	5143	R&C	149	Unilever	2272
Br Petrol	*9421*	*Hawker*	*333*	*Redland*	*1065*	*United Bis*	*4517*
Br Telecm	2740	Hillsdown	1091	Reed	511	Utd News	1128
Bristol	365	IMI	976	Reuters	167	Wellcome	2996
Bunzl	1347	*ICI*	*3328*	RMC Gp	607	Whitbrd	531
Burmah	120	Jaguar	2534	RTZ	900	Wilks Fab	294
Burton	1247	Lasmo	1252	R-Royce	1039	Woolworth	338
C&W	1714	Ladbroke	667	Rothmn 'B'	197	*Equities page 29*	

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

AMI Healthcare (215p)	259
Ald Restaurants	73 +2
Archer (AJ) (130p)	163
Ass-Henriques 71hp	85 –1
Aukett Ass (95p)	103
Barry Star	155 +4
Brit Pet P/P	73 +3½
Carron Phoenix (120p)	160 +5
Copymore (130p)	141
Eurotunnel	337
Eurotunnel Wrnts	26½
Firstland	45 –3
Fairway London	80
Gardiner Gp (30p)	41 –1
Hatfield Est (100p)	113
Hughes (HT)	75 –1
ISA Intl (80p)	115
Inshops (52p)	68 –1
Lon Forfaiting (160p)	160
Nestor-BNA (75p)	96
Norfolk House (100p)	105 –1
Selective Ass	71 +1
Shaftsbury (180p)	151 +1
Shanks McEwan (650p)	755
Shorco	118 +1
TGI (130p)	132 +1
TIP Europe	142 +1
Titan Hldgs (80p)	82 –2
Transrap Hldgs (50p)	60 +4
Waverley Mining	78

RIGHTS ISSUES

Brewmaker N/P	10½ +½
Cambium N/P	4 –¼
Gr West 6% N/P	
Jackson Ex N/P	2½ –½
Lon Inv N/P	2½
Parrish N/P	20 –2
Splash Prod N/P	19 –1

(Issue price in brackets).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.00%
Adam & Company	9.00%
BCCI	9.00%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.00%

Bell credit ratings lifted

Melbourne (Reuter) — The credit ratings of Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Resources and The Bell Group have been upgraded after his proposal for a Aus$630 million (£250 million) merger of the companies.

Australian Ratings Proprietary, a private agency, said it had made an interim reassessment of the companies and had lifted Bell Resources to BBB minus from B and Bell Group to B plus from CCC.

Bell company ratings were cut when their diverse share portfolios were hit hard by the October stock market crash.

HAGGAS

JOHN HAGGAS PLC INTERIM STATEMENT

	6 months to 31.11.87 £'000 (unaudited)	6 months to 31.12.86 £'000 (unaudited)	years to 30.06.87 £'000 (audited)
Net turnover	12,919	12,080	25,924
Profit before tax	1,820	1,730	4,017
Taxation	600	550	1,414
Profit attributable to shareholders.	1,220	1,180	2,603
Dividends	218	119	519
Retained profit	1,002	1,061	2,084
Earnings per share	5.6p	5.9p	13.0p

Interim dividend of 1p per share will be paid on 29th April 1988 to registered shareholders on 31st March 1988.

- Record Profit
- Gilt-edged holdings exceed £5m
- Great potential seen for Retail Division

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

extension of deadline

Notice of a call for expressions of interest in tendering for the translation of draft technical regulations and standards (notice published in Official Journal of the European Communities n° C/14 of 19 January 1988, p. 3, and in our edition of 4/2/88).

In view of the interest aroused by the notice published in the Official Journal N° C/14 of 19 January 1988, the Commission has decided to extend the deadline for expressions of interest until 25 March 1988 inclusive and postpone the closing date for submission of tenders to 29 April 1988 (extension of deadline also published in the Official Journal (C/62-5/3/1988)).

Translation agencies and other organizations which consider that they possess the necessary qualifications and wish to tender for this work, but have not yet expressed their interest in writing, are invited to do so by telex, telefax or registered letter (in which case the postmark shall constitute proof of the date of dispatch) to the following address, not later than 25 March 1988:

Commission of the European Communities,
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Ralph Hinchliffe, *Chairman*

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Chairman Ralph Hinchliffe sums up:

"The replacement windscreen acquisition is a unique opportunity for the Group to add to our interests in the automotive market.

"Generally, our extensive capital investment programme will progressively boost profits in 1988 and an ungeared balance sheet with substantial cash reserves will allow further external expansion.

"I am confident that 1988 will be another successful year for Heywood Williams Group."

	1987	1986
Turnover	£230m	£148m
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Earnings per share	26.6p	18.4p
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Hi Inc Equity	116.8	124.9	+0.4	4.76
Worldwide Bd	186.9	199.2●	-1.2	4.67
American Gth	143.9	153.8	-2.5	1.51
Asian Pacific	57.6	61.5	-0.8	1.96
Assets & Earns	133.8	143.0	-0.5	1.84
Capital Res	78.0	78.3●	+0.2	1.29
Comm Energy	82.6	88.3	+0.2	0.00
Euro Capital	65.5	70.0	+0.6	1.97
General	158.2	171.3	-0.2	2.63
Japan	88.6	95.8	-4.5	..
UK Gth Inc	118.0	126.6	..	1.93
Do Acc	172.1	185.5	..	1.93
US Emerg Co	37.3	39.9●	-0.3	0.00
Income Gth	244.3	261.2	-0.2	3.84
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Euro Tst	46.4	43.0●	-0.5	1.40
Gilt/Fxd Interest	23.1	24.6●	+0.1	9.76
Global Income	33.1	35.2●	-0.2	5.38
Hi Income	53.6	57.1	+0.2	9.54
Income Growth	65.0	69.2	..	4.32
International	81.4	86.7	-1.2	0.00
Japan Gth	153.9	212.3●	-0.2	0.00
Special Sits	62.3	66.3	+0.1	1.34

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Euro Gth Acc	101.9	108.5●	-1.2	1.10
Exempt	382.5	404.9●	+0.7	4.70
Far Eastern	196.9	212.3●	-1.5	0.10
Fin & Prop	80.3	85.1●	+1.6	2.54
Hi Yield	72.5	76.8	-0.2	4.89
Income & Gth	300.6	318.4	-0.2	4.45
Int Earnings	180.0	190.7	-0.6	2.87
Int Growth Inc	84.8	90.3c	-1.0	0.25
Japan Gth Acc	148.5	159.5	-1.9	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	108.1	115.5	-2.0	2.56
Preference Inc	126.9	134.4	+0.5	9.57
Smr Co Dv Inc	89.7	95.0	+0.5	4.60
Smr Co Gth	270.2	286.4●	+2.1	1.58
Spec Sits Inc	125.1	132.5	+1.5	1.56
UK Growth	376.5	399.0●	+0.1	3.22

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High Income	296.6	310.2●	-0.5	4.85
Equity Inc	169.4	179.6	..	4.30
High Yield	172.7	184.1	+0.4	6.62
Balanced	142.1	151.4	+0.6	3.92
Amer Inc	26.7	28.4●	-0.2	4.82
World Ass Val	24.6	26.2	-0.3	1.56
Japan	132.5	141.1	-2.9	0.01
Spec of Amer	126.1	134.3	-1.5	0.00
Asset Value	291.6	309.1	-0.3	3.46
O'seas Earn	199.8	211.8	+0.7	3.38
Recovery	97.4	103.2	+0.1	2.56
UK Special Sits	249.1	264.0	+0.2	3.51
Smlr Co	167.5	177.6	-0.3	1.94
Capital	247.6	262.7	-0.5	3.32
Amer Spec Sit	58.1	61.6	-0.1	0.00
International	89.0	92.5●	-1.3	1.66
Growth & Inc	152.1	161.2	-0.3	3.46
Euro Gth	17.6	18.7	-0.2	1.34
Pacific	202.5	215.7	+0.4	0.00
2nd Smlr Co	199.2	211.1●	+0.2	1.74

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

Capital	77.9	83.0●	-0.3	3.19
Euro Gth Inc	57.9	61.7	-0.8	2.01
Extra Income	69.8	100.9	+0.1	5.04
General	165.7	176.7	-0.4	3.28
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.9	56.7●	+0.1	9.22
Income Tst	366.3	421.6●	-0.4	4.43
Int Income	47.6	50.7	+0.5	4.43
Smlr Co Inc	37.2	39.6	+0.3	1.23

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American EVS				
Australia	49.9	54.7	-1.5	0.00
Eastern	55.1	63.5●	-1.5	0.00
Euro Inc	58.3	62.1	-0.5	0.00
Europe	111.6	118.7	-0.7	0.10
Exempt Tst	56.6	60.2	+0.8	3.50
Growth & Inc	73.1	77.7●	-0.3	2.10
Far East	113.8	121.0●	-0.4	0.00
Global Gth	58.8	62.5	-0.3	0.10
Japan Spec	136.1	145.5●	-1.8	0.10
Japan Sm	147.0	157.2●	-1.1	0.00
First Europe	98.8	105.6	-0.6	0.00
First Japan	104.4	111.6●	-1.0	0.60
First N Amer	40.1	42.6	-0.4	1.30
First Smlr Co	87.9	93.5	+0.1	1.40
N Amer Spec	47.3	50.4	-0.4	0.30
UK Growth	58.7	62.5●	-0.2	3.13

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Financial	153.4	164.1●	-8.4	1.70
Smlr Co Acc	274.8	296.2	..	0.84
Do Inc	173.8	188.6	..	0.84
High Income	79.1	84.6●	..	5.39
Income	96.5	103.1	..	5.39
Main Portf Inc	87.7	93.8●	..	2.25
Do Acc	149.2	159.6●	..	2.25
Nth American	47.0	50.3	..	0.21
Orient	95.8	102.5	..	0.10
Exempt	270.8	289.6	..	2.22
Recovery	63.5	68.3	..	0.35
German	22.2	23.9	..	1.92
Int Recov	24.4	26.1	..	1.00
Europe	16.4	17.6	..	3.91
Comy General	24.1	25.5●	..	7.00

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Emerg Inc				
Fellowship Inc	60.8	64.7c	-0.5	1.70
General Inc 4	26.0	27.8	-0.6	3.39
Do 4	424.8	451.9	-2.9	2.90
Income Fd 3	131.1	139.5	-1.6	5.00
Do Acc 3	242.5	258.0	-2.8	5.00
Int Inc 2	105.1	111.8●	-1.2	2.00
Do Acc 2	191.7	203.9	-2.1	2.00
Smlr Inc 5	90.5	96.3	+0.2	1.83
Do Acc	98.0	104.3	+0.2	1.83

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Growth	32.0	34.0●	..	2.96
Income	28.7	30.3●	..	5.49
Far East	26.6	28.3●	-0.4	0.22
Nth American	26.7	28.4●	..	0.72
Global	43.5	46.3●	-0.1	0.74
European	38.5	41.0●	-0.4	1.30
Japan	84.8	90.2	-0.8	0.01

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Capital	356.6	422.0	..	2.59
Income	348.5	371.9	..	5.26
Nth Amer	222.1	247.0	..	1.53

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Investment	440.7		..	4.79
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Deposit	100.0		..	8.71

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Atlas Gth	21.3	22.6	-0.3	1.11
Dragon Gth	19.3	20.5	-0.4	1.96
Equity Hi Inc	55.9	59.2	-0.7	4.75
European Gth	23.8	25.0	-0.2	1.87
Glen Equity	48.1	51.0	-0.2	2.84
Gilt Inst Gth	33.2	35.6	+0.1	9.64
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.0	27.0	..	9.14
Int Income Tst	22.5	23.9●	-0.2	5.66
Japan Gth	44.5	47.2	-1.1	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.1	30.8	-0.2	3.14
Special Sits	35.1	37.2	+0.1	2.01

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UK & Gen Inc	52.7	56.1	-0.2	3.52
Do Acc	54.1	57.5	-0.2	3.52
Income Inc	54.7	58.2●	-0.2	4.32
Do Acc	56.8	60.4●	-0.2	4.32
Worldwide Inc	40.9	44.6	-0.2	1.22
Do Acc	42.3	45.7	-0.2	1.22
Gamma Inc	33.4	35.5●	+0.1	1.05
Do Acc	33.5	35.6●	..	1.05
Euro Gth	50.0	53.2	-0.2	0.03
Far East	58.4	62.1	-1.2	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	48.1	50.9	+0.2	9.42
World Bond	47.0	49.7	-0.5	6.03

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
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Amer Tst	102.9	109.8	-1.5	0.91
Canadian Gth	19.3	20.6	-0.3	..
European Tst	84.3	89.7	-1.2	..
Growth Tst	256.2	276.5●	+0.2	3.09
High Income	315.5	336.5	+0.4	4.84
Int Tech Tst	101.8	108.6	-0.4	..
Investment	288.5	308.0	..	..
Japanese Tst	216.5	230.9●	-3.4	..
Main Inv	25.7	27.4	..	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
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European Gth	48.8	52.3	-0.2	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	35.1	37.8	-0.3	1.50
International	53.7	57.2	-0.3	3.50
N Amer Gth	39.7	42.7	+1.0	1.00
Pacific Gth	51.2	55.1	-0.6	4.60
UK Gth Acc	52.6	56.6	-0.2	0.50
Do Dist	50.3	54.0●	-0.2	0.50
UK Income	56.9	61.2●	+0.1	4.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3492

American Fd	55.4	60.1	+1.0	1.66
Capital Fd	124.0	132.1	+0.4	1.27
Eurofund	21.4	22.8	-0.2	1.33
Growth & Inc	70.2	74.8●	+0.4	3.84
High Dist Fd	151.0	160.8	+0.9	4.65
International	153.7	206.3	-2.2	1.09
Pacific Fd	19.7	21.0	-0.3	0.00
Resources Fd	20.5	21.8●	-0.1	0.00
Smlr Co	31.1	33.1	-0.4	..
Tokyo Fd	182.9	194.8	-4.8	0.00
Ex Amer 2	115.6	118.8	+2.7	1.93
Ex Japan 3	114.5	117.6	..	0.31
Ex Pacific 4	297.0	305.0●	..	0.10
Ex Smlr Jap 4	243.2	249.9	..	0.10

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Bal Managed	110.4	116.4	-0.2	2.71
Do Acc	88.1	93.5	-0.2	2.69
UK Gth Acc	129.0	137.3	-0.2	3.10
UK High Inc	94.5	100.3	+0.2	4.36
N Amer Acc	51.4	55.5	-0.6	1.07
Far East Acc	112.9	120.4	-2.5	0.64
European Acc	65.6	69.6	-0.4	1.48
UK Gilt Inv	87.5	92.9	+0.1	9.47
Do Acc	65.5	69.5	+0.1	7.48
Int Spec Sits	36.8	39.3	-0.4	1.73

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Endurance	113.6	120.9	..	1.44

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Equal Pelican	91.6	97.5	-0.5	3.26
High Income	95.7	101.9	..	4.51
Gilt/Fxd Interst	53.3	56.8	+0.1	7.20
Tst Of Inv Tsts	79.8	84.9●	-1.5	2.63
Spec Sits Tst	99.1	105.2	+0.9	2.56
Inters Amer Tst	93.7	97.5	-0.5	1.51
Far East Tst	104.8	111.5	-2.0	0.36
Int Growth	48.2	51.3●	-2.0	1.62
European Tst	37.8	40.2	-0.5	1.99

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD Tel: 0203 553291

UK Gth Acc	173.3	184.2	-0.6	3.39
Do Inc	145.5	154.7	-0.5	3.39
Higher Inc Acc	322.1	342.6	-1.1	4.80
Do Inc	247.3	263.0	-0.8	4.43
Gilts & Fxd Acc	113.0	118.8●	+0.1	8.23
Do Inc	84.6	89.0●	+0.1	8.23
Gamma Inc	334.4	355.5●	+0.1	1.05
Do Acc	335.5	356.6●	..	1.05
Amer Gth	97.2	103.5	-1.0	0.00
Euro Gth	50.0	53.2	-0.2	0.03
Far East	58.4	62.1	-1.2	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	48.1	50.9	+0.2	9.42
World Bond	47.0	49.7	-0.5	6.03

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far East Fd	85.4	92.0	-1.0	0.00
Fxd Interest	58.4	60.0	-0.8	4.81
Natural Res Fd	51.9	55.3	-0.5	2.19
European Inc	57.3	61.0●	-0.6	2.63
Financials Fd	45.9	48.8●	-0.5	2.63
Int Tech Fd	100.2	106.6	-0.9	0.89

F8 INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

Balan Gth Acc	66.8	70.9	..	..
Do Inc	65.0	69.2	..	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	29.0	30.6	..	..
Do Inc	27.7	29.5	..	5.40
Int Gth Acc	67.8	72.2	..	..
Do Inc	67.8	72.2	..	3.50
Smr Co Acc	69.0	73.5	..	..
Do Inc	67.8	72.2	..	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	21.7	23.2●	..	1.00
Do Inc	21.4	23.0●	..	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	15.5	16.5●	..	1.00
Do Inc	15.4	16.5●	..	1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: Dealings 0732 361441
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American	25.0	101.7	-2.9	1.23
Amer Equ Inc	26.0	27.9●	-0.8	4.07
Amer Spec Sit	44.6	47.8	-0.4	0.01
Australia	20.1	21.4	+0.1	2.57
European	50.8	54.4	-0.6	..
European Inc	20.0	21.3●	-0.3	4.58
Global Conv	22.6	24.1c	-0.1	5.67
Far East Inc	35.0	37.3●	-0.1	0.31
Gil/Fxd Interest	30.0	30.3●	+0.1	9.75
Growth & Inc	114.1	122.1	-0.9	4.28
Japan Spec Sit	68.6	73.4●	-1.3	..
Japan	181.1	193.8	-3.7	..
Managed Int	120.5	128.9●	-2.3	0.79
Inc Plus	103.0	110.2●	-1.3	4.64
Pacific Basin	39.7	42.5	-0.4	0.00
Special Sits	30.2	32.3	-0.4	0.86
Spec Sit	237.3	253.8	-1.9	0.86
Eastern Opps	21.1	22.5●	-0.3	..
Int Bond	34.4	36.8	-0.2	3.14
Recovery	27.9	29.9●	+0.1	2.49
Moneybuilder	24.0	25.6	..	..

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
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Amer/Gen Inc	162.8	172.0	-1.8	..
Do Acc	164.4	173.7	-1.8	..
Amer Turn Inc	177.7	188.0	-0.4	1.03
Do Acc	184.3	195.0	-0.4	1.03
Cap Growth Inc	139.2	147.2	-1.5	..
Do Acc	157.6	166.9	-1.5	..
Japan/Gen Inc	109.7	116.0●	-2.2	..
Do Acc	110.8	117.2●	-2.2	..
Monthly Inc Fd	117.5	124.3●	+0.1	4.48
PEP 87	59.3		..	2.79
PEP 88	56.1	59.4	-0.2	2.37
Recovery	173.5	183.6	-0.9	2.71
Do Acc	191.7	202.8●	-0.8	1.14
Smaller Inc	53.0	56.0●	+0.2	3.15
Do Acc	53.3	56.3●	+0.2	3.15

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
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Equity Inc	290.5	306.4	-0.9	4.39
Equity Tst	206.6	221.0	-0.4	2.77
Euro Gth Dist	51.6	54.8	-1.0	0.91
Do Acc	51.6	54.8	-1.0	0.91
Fxd Interest Di	118.2	125.7	+0.1	9.46
Do Acc	149.5	159.0	+0.3	8.95
Int Gth Dist	51.7	54.9	-0.9	1.36
Do Acc	51.7	54.9	-0.9	1.36
Nth Amer Dist	112.2	119.2	-0.3	2.16
Do Acc	112.2	119.2	-0.3	2.16
Pac Basin Dist	176.5	187.5	-2.4	0.15
Do Acc	176.7	187.7	-2.4	0.15
Prop Bond Di	118.2	125.7	+0.1	9.46
Do Acc	243.1	258.0	+0.7	0.80
Steward Inc Di	54.9	58.2●	+0.1	3.44
Do Acc	56.2	59.6●	+0.1	3.44
N Am Shed Di	51.9	55.1	+0.3	1.81
Do Acc	51.9	55.1	+0.3	1.81

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Amer Spec Sit	55.9	59.4	-0.5	0.60
UK Cap Inc	125.5	133.6●	-0.7	2.60
Do Acc	185.6	197.5●	-0.7	2.60
Income Fd	94.6	100.7●	-0.4	4.77
International	51.1	54.4	-0.3	0.00
US & General	45.1	48.0	-0.3	1.10
Japan & Gen	278.8	294.5	-3.3	0.10
Far East Gen	118.0	125.6	-0.9	0.10
European Fd	119.0	126.7●	-0.7	0.10
Germany Fd	49.0	52.2	-0.2	1.90
Int Inc Fd	49.2	52.4	-0.4	5.60
Wld Spec Sit	57.0	60.7	-0.6	1.50

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
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American	68.0	73.2	-0.9	0.70
Australian	16.1	17.4	-0.7	0.91
Brazil Acc	70.4	75.7●	-0.3	1.92
Do Inc	70.4	75.7●	-0.3	1.92
Chell UK Gth	24.7	26.1●	..	2.56
Commd Share	55.4	58.2	+0.4	1.56
European	44.9	48.2●	-1.1	0.58
Extra Income	51.8	55.7	..	5.91
Far East Tst	121.2	129.7	-1.3	0.40
Fxd Interest	28.5	30.7	+0.1	7.19
Frontier Mkts	23.0	24.6	-0.1	0.43
Global Fd	153.2	164.0	-1.6	1.68
Do Dist	149.4	156.4	-1.6	1.68
Gold Share	15.6	16.6	..	1.62
Hedged Amer	31.7	34.1	-0.1	0.50
High Income	29.4	31.7●	..	7.54
Hong Kong	28.0	29.9●	-0.1	1.25
Income Fd	98.5	103.6●	+0.2	4.20
Int Fixed Int	23.9	25.5●	-0.1	8.31
Japan Tst	350.2	375.7	-3.5	0.00
Main Expt	277.0	292.0	-0.3	0.00
Oil & Energy	41.1	44.3●	-0.3	1.98
Spec Sit	104.9	112.8	+0.1	0.82
UK Sm Co Rec	100.4	108.0	-2.3	0.67

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Glob Inc/Gth	70.7	75.6	-0.3	4.63
Pacific Gth	41.4	44.3	-0.1	0.72
Prpty Inv Inc	66.2	71.2●	-0.4	2.62
Do Acc	133.3	132.6●	-0.8	2.62
Wrlds Recov	88.3	94.9	-0.5	1.14

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American	27.1	29.0●	-0.4	0.41
European	52.5	56.2●	-0.4	1.19
International	113.1	121.0	-0.1	0.82
Japan	62.9	67.7	-1.5	0.00
UK	61.2	65.9	..	1.16

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Int Gth	87.5	93.5	-1.1	1.12
American Gth	58.1	62.0	-0.8	1.16
American Inc	55.0	58.8●	-0.9	4.95
European Gth	43.6	46.7●	-0.4	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	44.8	47.9	0.72	
Japan Gth	60.9	65.1●	-1.3	1.83
Pacific Inc	72.7	77.3	-1.2	3.75
Pacific Strat	38.5	41.2●	-0.5	0.41
UK Prog Inc	72.9	77.9	-1.4	4.59
UK Special Sops	139.1	148.9●	+0.5	1.50
Gt Britain	37.8	39.8	-0.2	3.13
UK Smi Co	36.0	38.2●	+0.1	0.63

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 5903

Gil/Fxd Interest	119.3	124.0●	-0.1	8.96
Gth Equity	235.0	248.7	+0.6	2.39
Gth Equity	300.6	311.4●	-0.3	3.22
Income Tst	99.1	100.7	-0.3	3.78
Int Tst	104.7	110.5●	-0.5	1.28
N American	120.3	127.4	-3.5	1.12
Pacific	262.5	287.2	-4.5	0.00
Prop Shares	234.0	239.5	-1.7	1.75
Smaller Co	275.2	291.5	+0.1	1.67
European Tst	221.0	233.9	-4.3	1.48

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
01-623 9333

Global Gth	35.8	38.1	-0.7	0.80
High Income	82.0	87.3	+0.3	5.33
N Amer Tst	86.9	94.5c	+0.3	0.53
Smaller Cos	40.0	42.6	-0.6	0.00
Recovery	314.3	334.4	+1.5	2.37
St Vincent Inc	103.5	106.2●	+0.1	5.01
St Vinc US Gth	58.8	62.6	-0.3	0.00
Temp Ex Sm Co	235.1	248.0	..	3.22
Euro Gth Tst	42.5	45.2●	-0.1	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010

Amer Equ Inc	51.2	54.8	-0.7	5.19
Amer Gth	35.7	42.1	-0.7	0.73
Equity Income	104.8	111.2	..	5.48
European Tst	79.1	83.8	-1.0	1.01
High Income	91.1	96.6	-0.4	5.03
Int Sec Tst	47.6	50.8	-0.3	0.85
Japan/F East	112.1	118.9	-2.6	0.05
Nth Amer Tst	92.7	98.8	-1.0	1.26
Recov & Asset	91.1	96.9●	-0.3	1.46
Scandinavian	70.1	74.4	-0.8	1.16
Smlr Co	38.4	40.7	+0.1	1.11

HENDERSON Administration Admin 5, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.

Premier Asset	86.6	92.3	-1.2	0.00
Amer Smaller Co	35.2	37.5	-0.4	0.00
Australian	80.5	85.8	-2.2	0.00
Blest of World	47.4	50.4●	-0.6	2.36
Cap Gth Inc	80.8	86.1	-0.9	2.36
Do Acc	79.2	84.4	-0.9	2.36
European	192.8	205.2	-1.5	0.82
Euro Inc Tst	40.3	43.0●	-0.5	2.71
Euro Smlr Co	71.1	75.8	+0.3	0.14
Extra Income	221.2	240.0●	-0.3	5.14
Financial Tst	150.4	170.9	-0.5	2.71
Fxd Interest	57.9	60.6●	+1.8	9.46
Gilt Tst	68.0	72.5	..	9.46
Global Health	78.4	83.5	-1.7	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	59.9	63.8	-0.9	4.05
Global Resrce	58.9	62.8●	-0.9	0.72
Global Tech	100.5	107.1	-2.3	0.00
Gold	104.9	111.4●	-1.7	0.00
High Income	240.4	255.7●	-0.7	4.03
Hong Kong	51.1	54.4	-0.7	0.78
Inc & Gth Inc	182.1	194.0	-0.7	3.18
Income Fd	128.1	136.5	-0.6	3.91
Income Asset	127.6	135.8	-1.6	3.91
International	147.6	157.2	-2.8	0.00
Jap Spec Sits	193.5	206.1	-3.3	0.00
Japan Gth	139.1	148.1●	-2.5	0.00
Nth American	108.9	116.0	-2.5	0.49
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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

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Sheila J. Needham, who runs her own company, discovered the special skills of women as well as their essential equality

The challenges that can teach valuable lessons in business



I had not planned to set up my own business. The decision gradually evolved. There was no huge leap, just a series of small steps. The risks were not seen as either dramatic or foolhardy. Like many women in the 1950s, I did not choose a career. On leaving school I trained as a secretary. When my quantity surveyor boss decided to set up a small specialist printers I had a unique opportunity to watch every aspect of running the business, and to understand the boss's viewpoint.

After seven years I was appointed manager. But while I wanted to keep on developing the business my boss could only see me as a secretary doing what he wanted. He did not expect the men we employed to want to work for a woman. Feeling utterly frustrated, I found a backer and offered to buy the printing company.

When the offer was rejected the same backer agreed to help me set up my own business. I later found out that the running of his in-house printing department had been a constant problem. He decided to close it and to place the work with a new company.

I have now learnt that it is essential for both parties to have the same aims. What I wanted was a partner with the financial expertise I lacked who could help me with the creation of a firm of general commercial colour printers. My partner wanted a company that would work mainly for his professional practice at a price discounted because of the volume.

Later these differences in our aims became clear and created problems.

The early days of starting the new business were busy and exciting. The company had to be registered, premises found, equipment purchased, staff chosen. Then the first orders came in. I expected the first year to be demanding. But for me the second year was more difficult — the planned profit proved hard to achieve.

Growth brought its own problems. At first there was not enough work for the staff, then there was too much. Cash flow and profits were affected as more staff, machinery and space were added.

The skills required changed. At first the staff were a small homogeneous, democratic group with broadly based skills. We saw ourselves as building something together. Each achievement was seen to belong to all of us.

Of course, there were problems in matching people with increased responsibilities. One manager who was excellent with a small staff found it impossible to cope with double the number. Another manager developed the skills of the other staff but in difficult situations he saw their point of view more than management's.

Some members still find experience and training enables them to contribute within the company's changing environment; for others it means they want to go on to new challenges outside. I found I had to accept that when the company trains some one it does not buy that person.

At the beginning 90 per cent of our turnover came from the business of my financial brokers. After 10 years their account had trebled and they remained our largest customer, but their proportion of the year's total work reduced to 14 per cent. It was now the time to become independent.

The backer's 50 per cent shareholding was purchased and new capital raised, taking advantage of the Government's Business Expansion Scheme. Prior to this buy-out the board had authorized the acquisition of additional equipment and the leasing of an additional floor in the building to which we had moved four years earlier.

It was then that I discovered the vulnerability of a small company. While we were stretched to our financial limits, unexpected problems blew up. But we were no longer protected by a financial backer and we had little margin for error. Inevitably the next year was very difficult.

Greater emphasis on profitability and efficiency was the essential response. As managing director I had to make hard decisions such as dismissing unsatisfactory staff, however much it hurt. A new team of managers was built up and encouraged to work closely together. They worked long and hard to achieve results that once seemed impossible.

Gradually losses changed to profit. Then the serious illness of a manager created further problems. One manager found this stressful and left; another felt his career was being held back by the problems and also left. The management team had to be rebuilt.

Throughout it has been necessary both to define short-term targets and to show my commitment to the long-term success of the company. All the staff need to see me as dependable and competent. It is an essential part of my role.

But I also have to be competitive: to fight and to relate to the outside world. I not only sell our services; I have overall responsibility for ensuring that we design and print to the right quality and deliver on time. My task is to listen, consider carefully and determine the best course of action. Ultimately, accountability lies with me, though others — the board, shareholders, staff and customers — need to understand the decisions that affect them.

The role of my five managers is to carry out the detailed day-to-day matters. Their responsibility is to demonstrate how their departments can be made more effective in order to achieve agreed targets.

The three non-executive directors who complete my board are businessmen whose knowledge enables them to raise the relevant issues for discussion and debate in determining company policy. But day-to-day management is left to me, and I have discovered how lonely and tough this can be. We use specialist outside consultants to advise us.

During the past year we have obtained help from a British Printing Industries Federation consultant, partly funded by the Government's Business Technical Advisory Service scheme. This has enabled us to define certain weaknesses and improve systems. At the same time prompt invoicing and careful cash flow control, together with the support of our bank, have aided recovery. Profitability remains the priority issue.

In the first few years I found it necessary to ask potential senior members of staff to consider how they would feel about working for a woman. Gradually the question is becoming irrelevant as working patterns change, and now it is less unusual for a man to have a female boss. While I consider women are equal with men, we are undeniably different and develop special management skills.

Certainly, when I look back, I am grateful that in my last secretarial post I worked for a man who encouraged employees to use their skills to the full. He challenged me to do things that I did not think I could handle. He taught me a valuable lesson.

Believing in some one helps that person to believe in herself. As she grows in her own self-esteem she is able to take risks and to be responsible for what she does.

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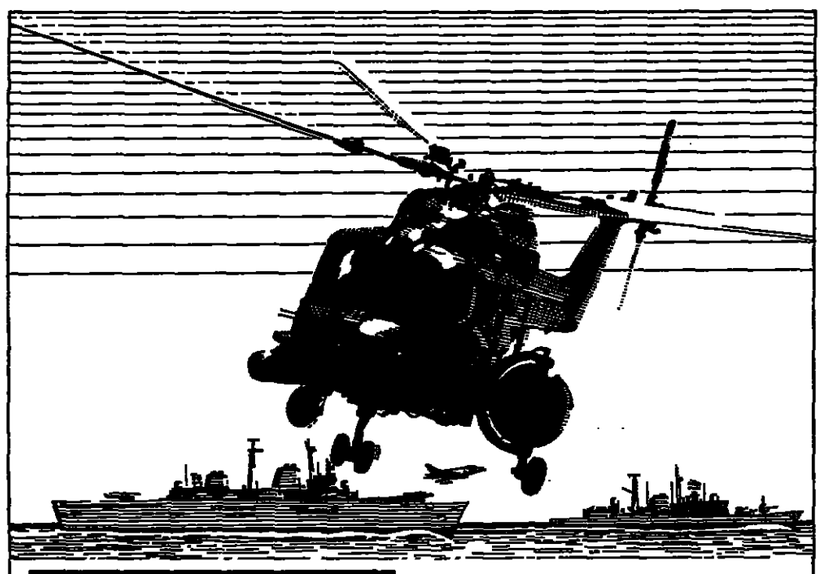
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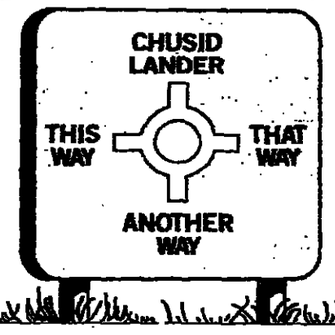
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A guide to career development

A rattling good yarn

If you are ambling up the Amazon or going salmon fishing in Skye, a good book is a boon, and Philippa Toomey tells you how you can choose it – and have it delivered

The year 1977 saw the birth of a splendid idea; why not, said Peter and Patricia Braithwaite and Bing Taylor, publish a guide to good books and supply them by post?

"Marvellous", said everyone, "but it won't work, you know. Such nice young people; what a pity; let's just mention it," and so they got a lot of editorial publicity for what sympathetic literary journalists felt was a doomed enterprise.

Ten years (and a Queen's Award) later, the *Good Book Guide* has issued its tenth anniversary edition.

They have, in addition to their premises in Battersea (turn left at the Dog's Home), their bookshop and offices in Great Russell Street, Bing Taylor has moved on, but the Braithwaites and Lesley Baxter, the co-editor, are celebrating a decade of growth.

● *"Our bookshops are empty; our papers do not publish book critiques; the Guide is the only selection of current publishing we have seen for years."* Lusaka, Zambia.

"If we'd gone by the marketing people we'd never have been here", says Peter Braithwaite. "We don't have whizz bang offers to attract new readers – we really want readers who will stay with us – it takes us longer, but they stay with us loyally."

The idea began, as Patricia Braithwaite says, when they were living in Tanzania, where they couldn't get any books at all, and the children were beginning to want to look at picture books, and there was nothing.

When they returned, they discovered that there were parts of this country where there were no bookshops within easy reach. These include South Wales (unless you live near Cardiff), and parts of Scotland – which resemble the Bermuda Triangle when it comes to books. Also you can be hard up for a good read if you don't live within striking distance of York or Newcastle.

● *"I first heard of the Good Book Guide from my sister-in-law when visiting her at her remote habitation in the Amazon Basin in Guyana (believe it or not, this is a fact !)"*

It isn't just the buying of books that is the problem; Patricia Braithwaite points out that you don't even know what is being published or what is available unless you have time for a lengthy browse in a good bookshop. Noone can really rely on reviews.

The Good Book Guide was set up, from its earliest days, to remedy all this. Disregarding all advice, say the Braithwaites, they set out to produce a first-class guide, in full colour, (now bi-monthly, one annual and five colour magazines), containing no advertising whatsoever, depending on subscriptions alone, and determined to remain independent.

The tenth anniversary annual selection has more than 100 pages, containing 2,000 books chosen by Michael Holroyd (Biography); Sir Hugh Casson (Art and Architecture); Prince Philip (World Wildlife) and the list continues with Lady Antonia Fraser, Patrick Moore, Elizabeth David, Sheila Kitzinger and Penelope Leach Frank Muir, Alistair Cooke, Bernard Levin and Peter Ustinov.

● *"As I live over a hundred miles from a bookshop, your Guide is my only access to books currently available."* Isle of Skye.

A section called "A Good Read" runs to three closely-packed pages of books (mostly in paperback) by best- selling authors of fiction, ranging over general, thrillers, crime, historical and science fiction.

How did they do it? "Our first Christmas was quite hair-raising", says Peter Braithwaite. "We had funded the whole enterprise ourselves, mortgaging the house, just because we had this ridiculous belief there would be enough people who care about books if they knew they were available to order them."

There were some big decisions, uncomfortable times, and worrying nights – for example, when they decided to double the size of the space in Battersea – and to open the delightful bookshop at 91, Great Russell Street, where the browser and buyer is welcomed by a blazing fire in winter.

● *"I live a quiet, lonely life in a small remote place in the north of Sweden, some 230 kilometres from the nearest bookshop. I love your Guide."* Vilhelmina, Sweden.

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● *"The Good Book Guide is the best in the world, because you simply get any book you want without waiting for a long time. You have to wait for two months to get a novel in Zimbabwe."*

"There are no quiet days," says Patricia Braithwaite. It is hard work, full-time for the small staff, choosing books and getting them reviewed (apart from the starry names, much of the reviewing is done anonymously by a regular panel, offering about 150 words apiece).

"They do it for love, rather than money," admits Patricia Braithwaite, well known for her ability to charm reviewers and contributors into doing for the *Good Book Guide* what they would refuse for anyone else.

What the general public does not realize, of course, is that many of the guides to books and reading are subsidized directly by publishers – the publisher pays a sum of money for each entry in the guide. The *Good Book Guide* operates in exactly the opposite way. It regards itself as an independent guide and mail order service, offering choice and no pressure to buy on the readers, either by a minimum number of books (it is not a book club) or by special offers.

● *"Your selection is probably best seen in a postal catalogue anywhere – very hard to find good quality in this area, especially in these remote Colorado Rockies!"* Colorado, USA

It's a slow business, they agree, collecting subscribers and support. It snowballs, rather than rockets, and their best publicity is by word of mouth. But one day, Peter Braithwaite firmly believes, in a future not far off the Dog's Home will be considered as being opposite the *Good Book Guide*.

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GOLF

Ballesteros smiling again and striving to end his lean run

From Mel Webb
Santa Ponsa, Majorca

Fifteen years ago, Santa Ponsa consisted of little more than a stretch of sand, an old man and three donkeys. At the same time, players on the European circuit were playing for a total prize fund of just over £500,000.

From those innocent days, both have grown up with a vengeance. In Santa Ponsa, the old fellow and his donkeys have gone, while the players, who start their 1988 campaign here today in the Majorca Open, will be competing for a £10 million kitty for the season.

There are no Ryder Cup places at stake this year, but *for most there is still plenty to* strive for. For some it will be the money and the security. *For others, who already have* both, pride is the prime motivation.

Representatives of both sections of the European golfing community are here. The first group, the brave young lions and their still-hopeful elders, contains names too numerous to mention; they are here in strength. The second, however, is a much more select band, with Severiano Ballesteros and Ian Woosnam heading the cavalcade.

Ballesteros is still in many people's books the finest golfer in the world. The fact remains, though, that he has not won a tournament of any sort for almost a year, and it is starting to test the memory to recall that his last victory in a major event goes back to his Open triumph in 1984. He has to prove, not least to himself, that he has not lost the gift of winning when it matters, and he confirmed his intentions yesterday by establishing a course record of 68 in the pro-am.

We saw afterwards flashes of the old Ballesteros. The smile that has been seen so rarely in recent times was back, and he is evidently at peace with his game. His only reservation is that he is not completely contented with 60-yard sand wedge shots. Fine-tuning, it is called. Lucky man that he can be so particular.

Woosnam, on the other hand, presents a much less sunny aspect to the world. He is not 100 per cent fit, he is overweight, and he cannot make his new clubs behave.

The health problem has been diagnosed as a mild dose of spondylitis; he is also carrying three-quarters of a stone too much, so he is eating nothing but fruit before midday.

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Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	451	4	10	549	5
2	572	5	11	396	4
3	176	3	12	242	3
4	462	4	13	506	5
5	341	4	14	418	4
6	495	4	15	187	3
7	187	3	16	440	4
8	396	4	17	352	4
9	440	4	18	462	4
Out	3,560	36	In	3,652	36

Total yardage: 7,212 Par: 72

Record-setting tour

More money than ever before is being offered on the European tour this year. Prize-money totals £10 million, compared with £7.4 million last season.

● This is the longest tour ever. There are 31 Volvo Tour events, culminating in the £350,000 Volvo Masters, which starts at Valderrama on October 30. Last year there were 28 tournaments.

● The Open Championship remains the richest tournament on the tour, with prize-money this year going up to £700,000. Two others, the Lancôme Trophy at St Nom la Breteche and the Ebel European Masters at Crans-sur-Sierre, are both offering £400,000.

WPGA names Nutter as administrator

The Women's Professional Golf Association (WPGA), which is set to become an independent body on April 1, has made its *first major appointment* (Patricia Davies writes). Denis Nutter, who is presently working for the North Region of the Professional Golfer's Association, will be the tour administrator.

"My job will be to make things run as smoothly as possible" he said, "and to set up an administrative framework to that end." Nutter worked with the WGPA when he first joined *the PGA just under four years* ago and that experience should mean he has little difficulty settling in to his new post.

"We are delighted to have Dennis on board," Beverly Huke, the WPGA chairman, said.

The wind may howl in Langer's favour

From John Ballantine, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Bernhard Langer, who finished second last year in the Honda Classic, which starts again today *on the wind-swept 7,037-yard* Eagle Trace "stadium course" on the edge of the Everglades, is probably going to win again on the United States tour some time this season.

Since Langer scored two victories in 1985 when he took the Masters and Heritage Classic titles in successive weeks, he has been tantalizingly close to a third victory and never more so than in this event last year when *only an uncharacteristic last* round of 75 prevented him winning.

Langer was second also in the Hope Classic, third at Pebble Beach and fourth in the US Open. He has just made another gruelling trip to Australia and one feels he may suffer the same fate as Sandy Lyle in Miami last week and fall away after a good *start because of jet lag.*

If the wind really howls, as it can here, both Lyle and Langer could be *in contention* but possible American winners include the veteran, Ray Floyd, Steve Pate and the holder, Mark Calcavecchia.

Ken Brown should respond well, psychologically, to his wonderful last round of 66 in Miami on Sunday, a canny performance that won him $12,120 after he had nearly missed Friday's cut.

MONEY-WINNERS (US unless staged): 1, J Haas, $287,393 (£156,000); 2, C Beck, $276,157; 3, B Crenshaw, $233,248; 4, S Pate, $229,886; 5, A Lyle (GB), $163,379.6; R Tway, $158,826. Others: K Brown, $42,454; B Langer (WG),$31,215; N Faldo (GB) $29,000.

Serious jockey overcoming frivolous media obsession with her gender

Giving jump racing a Gee-up



SIMON BARNES
CHELTENHAM PEOPLE



Spectator no more: Gee Armytage, the top woman rider who called breaking both arms a mere "nuisance", aims to take this year's Festival in her stride after at one point leading the meeting's jockey championship 12 months ago

Gee Armytage was the Eddie Edwards of the Cheltenham Festival last year. That is to say, she was the natural story of the Festival: the difference was that she actually won things as well, two races in fact, and for a dizzy moment it looked as if she might steal the jockeys' championship as well.

The story was a hack's delight: its subject was young — she is only 22 now — pretty (God help the sportswoman who is not conventionally pretty, because the media won't), and as a bonus she could ride, really ride. And what's more she did it at the Festival: there is never, in any year, a better moment to seize your moment. The natural, if unspoken, moral of the story was: is this the woman who will break the mould of jump racing?

So many women ride magnificently, so many women outride men in the other horsey disciplines: it seems ludicrous that women do not *do the same thing in racing.* Does racing fail to be an equal opportunities employer? Or do women have a *problem with race-riding?* All it would take to alter any prejudices, it seemed, would be one exceptional female race-rider. *Enter Miss Armytage.*

When an amateur starts to do too well, the Jockey Club tells the rider it is time to turn professional: it happened to Armytage on New Year's Day. She promptly rode a winner. But since then racing has been affected by the weather and Armytage has been affected by a broken collarbone that has been infuriatingly slow to heal. Racing is never anything other than capricious.

True to her calling, she is not whingeing about it. "It was uncomfortable, yes," she said grudgingly. (She once broke both arms in two places each; that was "a nuisance".) She will certainly be fit for Cheltenham next week; she would go through fire to get to the Festival. She will ride Prime Number in the very first race of the Festival, and her old mate, Gee-A.

Her relationship with Gee-A (named for the owner, not for her) is the sort of progression all horse people *love to talk about.* Gee-A was a wary and uncertain horse in a race: Gee-A and Armytage began with a near-fall, *and followed that with the real thing* ("that was my fault").

But then they won at Huntingdon, and put together a string of wins, horse and rider improving with every race, each *imparting new realms of confidence* and certainty to the other. With the horse, she won her own credibility as a jockey, won at Cheltenham, set off for professionalism and won her spurs as a rider.

She has 48 winners so far and is famous out of all proportion to her success. The fame sits awkwardly on her. She hasn't got her public face quite organized: she can't decide whether to be a supercool professional or a bubbly "personality".

"But I think the thing with this 'fame', as you call it, is out of all proportion. It is because I'm a girl, and a bit of a novelty. There is a friend of mine who has ridden one more winner than me: how many people outside racing have heard of Martin Bosley? *I enjoy a lot of it — but I get* fed up with it sometimes."

But as Ian Botham will tell you, you can't have fame on your own terms. Botham got famous first because of his achievements as a cricketer: Armytage got famous because of her gender. It is a problem for the *ambitious rider:* "I'm very ambitious, but I'm realistic about my ambitions," she said. "It would be all very well to say, I'd *like to be champion jockey*, but I know very well that for a start I'll never get as many rides as Peter Scudamore. But I'd love to win the National — and that is possible."

All tyro jockeys find it hard to get rides, no matter how good they are. That is in the nature of things. And, naturally, if you are a woman there are plenty of people to say that you should not be race-riding at all.

The main argument is about physical strength. "But it is not necessarily physical strength that gets a horse in front," Armytage said. "Sometimes it is. But the main reason Gee-A ran so well for me at the Festival last year *certainly was not* physical strength. Obviously it is important to be strong, and I am strong. I'm not as strong as *Scudamore and people like that — but* there are other ways of persuading a horse to go."

Bill Shoemaker, the greatest (Flat-racing) jockey of all time, is 4ft 10in and certainly doesn't win races with bullying might. I wonder if perhaps the argument that women can't race-ride "because of their lack of strength" will one day go the same way as the argument that blacks can't play football "*because of their lack of courage*".

She is still very young, and, though famous, is still on the bottom rung. And, of course, she has more than the usual prejudice against newcomers to fight against. I don't suppose the walls of racing's chauvinism will, in fact, crumble under the impact of a single rider: it will more likely be the gradual attrition of more and more decent female race-riders coming into the game. It will happen all right: for there is one thing that racing values over and above its conservatism and its generations of prejudice: and that is winning.

TOMORROW

Nicky Henderson, the leading trainer at Cheltenham last year

Court of Appeal

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Court of Appeal

New directions to jury on unanimous verdict

Regina v Watson
Regina v Salmon
Regina v Beeston
Regina v Gyamfi
Regina v Jackson
Regina v Finn
Regina v Doyle

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Taylor

[Judgment March 9]

A new form of direction to avoid imposing pressure on a jury in their deliberations was enunciated in a reserved judgment of the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) sitting as a five-judge court, which set a *precedent by not including* a puisne judge.

Their Lordships allowed appeals by Darren Antonio Watson, Owen Joseph Finn and Stephen Peter Doyle and dismissed appeals by Michael Salmon, Dane Beeston, Lydia Adu Gyamfi and Terence Henry Jackson against convictions at *various crown courts for various* offences.

The ground of appeal common to all the cases was that the direction given by the various trial judges imposed pressure on the juries in arriving at their verdicts.

Mr David Jeffreys, QC and Mr Keith A. Mitchell, assigned by the Registrar of *Criminal* Appeals, for Watson; Mr Nicholas Purnell, QC and Mr Hezlett Colgan for the Crown: Mr David Jeffreys, QC and Mr Alan Greenwood, assigned by the Registrar, for Salmon; Mr Nicholas Purnell, QC and Mr C. Gerald Gordon for the Crown: Mr Anthony Vlassopulos, assigned by the Registrar, for Beeston; Mr Michael H. Lawson for the Crown: Miss Rhyddian Willis, assigned by the Registrar, for Gyamfi; Mr *David R. Ellis* for the Crown: Mr Angus F. Robertson, assigned by the Registrar, for Jackson; Mr Fergus Mitchell for the Crown: Miss Yvonne Coppel, assigned by the Registrar, for Finn; Mr Richard L. Marks for the Crown: Miss Yvonne Coppel, assigned by the Registrar, for Doyle; Mr Patrick Whelon for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that divergent views had been expressed by different divisions of the court on the appropriateness of the so-called "*Walhein* direction" — the direction in *R v Walhein* ((1952) 36 Cr App R 167).

To enable their Lordships to deal with such differences they had a number of appeals raising the problem in various forms listed before a five-judge court.

In *Walhein* at the Central Criminal Court, on the jury's *return to court, one of their* number told the commissioner: "I cannot in my own mind find *him guilty of the charge which* prosecuting counsel have not proved."

The commissioner then said: "You are a body of 12 men. Each of you has taken an oath to return a true verdict according to the evidence, but, of course, you have a duty not only as individuals, but collectively.

"No one must be false to that oath, but in order to return a collective verdict, the verdict of you all, there must necessarily be argument, and a certain amount of give and take and adjustment of views within the scope of the oath you have taken, and it makes for great public inconvenience and expense if jurors cannot agree owing to the unwillingness of one of their number to listen to the arguments of the rest.

"Having said that, I can say no more. If you disagree in your verdict in relation to one or other of these men, you must say so."

That direction, it was said, was based on an earlier direction in *R v Klein* ((1932) 32 Cr App R 185), the words of which had not survived.

In *Walhein* Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice, said of the direction (at p168): "In our opinion, that was a perfectly satisfactory direction. Jurors often have to be reminded that the case may be one in which some of them may start by taking one view and then, finding that the others are against them, may talk the matter over, subordinate their views to those of the majority and concur in the verdict . . .

"The fact that Finlay J in *Klein* referred to 'grave inconvenience and expense' as did the commissioner in the present case, was not a threat to the jury but merely pointed out to them the desirability of arriving at a *verdict if they could. If they* failed to agree, inconvenience and expense is caused not only to the prosecution, but also to the defendant, who will have to be tried a second time." That appeal was dismissed.

Lord Lane said first, that that was a case where one juror — judging from his words and those of the judge — was closing his ears to the arguments of the other 11. The judge accordingly invited him to change his attitude, listen to the other point of view and if he could then do so conscientiously, alter his view, thereby avoiding the expense and inconvenience of a retrial.

Second, that was at a time when unanimity was required of a jury, and when, so their Lordships had been told, there were suspicions that in some cases improper pressure was being put upon jurors *to disagree with* their fellow jurymen and so cause the trial to be aborted.

Up to 1967 that or a similar form of words continued to be used when juries announced that they had failed to reach unanimity.

His Lordship referred to the words used in *R v Creasey ((1953) 37 Cr App R 179) and R v Davey* ([1960] 1 WLR 1287) and continued that on October 1, 1967 *section 13* of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 came into force.

Section 1 introduced into the English criminal law for the first time the concept of the majority verdict. Subsection (2) required the foreman of the jury to state *in open court the number of* jurors who agreed to and dissented from the verdict. Subsection (3) required the jury to have had not less than two hours for deliberation before a majority verdict was permissible.

On July 31, 1967 *Practice Direction (Crime: Majority Verdicts)* ([1967] 1 WLR 1198) was issued by Lord Parker, Lord Chief Justice, setting out the procedure for the taking of majority verdicts.

It was not, however, until *R v Iseguilla* ([1975] 1 WLR 716) that any consideration was given to the possible effect of the introduction of the majority verdict on the *Walhein* direction.

What emerged from a passage in the judgment, delivered by Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, was that he was troubled about the appropriateness of the *Walhein* direction in the light of *the fact that majority verdicts* were then permissible.

Giving in his own words the *sense of the Walhein direction*, Lord Widgery exposed the fact that there were two halves to that direction. The first half pointed out that there had in any jury's deliberations necessarily to be argument and a *certain amount of give and take* and adjustment of views within the scope of the juror's oath. There could be no possible objection to the judge making that fact clear to the jury.

The second part, however, contained the warning that it might cause great public inconvenience and expense if jurors could not agree. The use of those words, or expressions like them, might be far from harmless.

Clearly — and unsurprisingly in the circumstances of that case — Lord Widgery was not directing his attention to that aspect of the direction.

With the benefit of hindsight, it might have been better if the second half of the *Walhein* direction had at that stage received the disapproval of the court, first, as being less necessary when a majority verdict was possible; and, second, as in some circumstances imposing improper pressure on those members of the jury holding the minority view.

In the result the direction, more often than not embellished or adapted according to circumstances, continued to be used. Nothing had until recently happened to discourage judges from using it.

Indeed, in the specimen directions which were issued in 1982, but revised and reissued in August 1987 to all judges and recorders by the Judicial Studies Board, and which were, his Lordship had to confess, expressly approved by himself, appeared the *Walhein* direction including the passage "and it makes for great public inconvenience and expense if jurors cannot agree owing to the unwillingness of some of their number to listen to the arguments of the rest".

Sometimes the court had ruled that the words used in the particular circumstances of the individual case amounted to improper pressure on the jury and had quashed the conviction. On other occasions the court had declined to interfere.

His Lordship reviewed *R v Brankin* (unreported, March 19, 1984); *R v Smith (D.C.)* ([1985] Crim LR 522); *R v Ashley* ([1987] 1 WLR 712); *R v Davey and Crawford* (unreported, June 18, 1987); *R v Donoghue* ([1988] Crim LR 60); *R v Wright* (unreported) October 13, 1987); *R v Jain and Others* ((unreported) November 13, 1987); and *R v Randall* (*The Times* November 18, 1987).

The result of the more recent decisions seemed to be that *there was or might be a material* irregularity if the *Walhein* direction was given either (a) at too early a stage in the jury's deliberation, or (b) before the majority direction, or (c) whenever it was given, if given in terms which might have had the effect of placing improper pressure on the dissentient minority *of the jury.*

Not only was there an irreconcilable difference apparent between the decisions in *Smith* on the one hand and *Ashley* and its consequent cases on the other, but it was also clear that the use of the *Walhein* direction in its original form and particularly before the majority direc*tion, might lead to a conviction* being quashed.

This was an important matter of procedure and a reappraisal of the situation was overdue.

One started from the proposition that a jury had to be free to deliberate without any form of pressure being imposed on them, whether by way of promise or of threats or otherwise.

They must not be made to feel that it was incumbent on them to express agreement with a view they did not truly hold simply because it might be inconvenient or tiresome or expensive for the prosecution, the defendant, the victim or the public in general if they did not do so.

Experience had shown that the *Walhein* direction, sometimes in its original form, sometimes amended, might contravene that cardinal rule.

In some cases the very short *time required by the jury to* reach a unanimous or majority decision after the *Walhein* direction showed the impact it must have had on a minority who up to that time had apparently been unmoved by *argument. The mere exhorta*tion to listen to the contrary view seemed unlikely to have had such a dramatic effect.

The suggestion of expense and inconvenience was doubtless a much more potent incentive to agree. *Hints that it might be of* benefit to the defendant if the jury could only sink their differences might be misleading if, as was usually the case, the minority were for an acquittal.

Agreement would in those circumstances mean conviction; continued disagreement would mean at the worst a retrial with the consequent chance of acquittal.

There were occasions when the circumstances would show that the *Walhein* direction did not impose any pressure on the jury, but the risk that it might do so had convinced their Lordships that the time had now come for judges to stop using it in its original form.

If it was objectionable as imposing pressure on a jury, it was objectionable at whatever stage it was used, whether during the summing up proper or before or after any majority direction.

In the judgment of their Lord*ships' court* there was no reason why a jury should not be directed as follows:

"Each of you has *taken* an oath to return a true verdict according to the evidence. No one must be false to that oath, but you have a duty not only as individuals but collectively.

"That is the strength of the jury *system. Each of you takes into* the jury box with you your individual experience and wisdom. Your task is to pool that experience and wisdom. You do that by giving your views and listening to the views of the others.

"There must necessarily be discussion, argument and give and take *within the scope of your* oath. That is the way in which agreement is reached. If, unhappily, [10 of] you cannot reach agreement you must say so."

It was a matter for the judge's discretion whether he gave that direction at all and if so at what stage of the trial. There would usually be no need to do so.

Individual variations which altered the sense of the direction, as could be seen from the particular appeals which their *Lordships had heard, were often* dangerous and should if possible be avoided.

Where the words were thought to be necessary or desirable they were probably best included as part of the summing up, or given or repeated after the jury had had time to consider the majority direction.

His Lordship then turned to a consideration of the individual cases and orders were made accordingly.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Snaresbrook; CPS, Inner London; CPS, Isleworth; CPS, Kingston and Tolworth; CPS, Manchester; CPS, Isleworth.

Claim for contribution is 'any other new claim'

Kennet v Brown and Another

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Parker

[Judgment March 2]

A claim by one defendant against another defendant for contribution was "any other new claim" for the purposes of section 35(1) of the Limitation Act 1980 and related back to the date of the original action in which the contribution was claimed, but it was not "an original set-off or counterclaim" within subsection (3).

There was no absolute bar on *bringing such a claim, however,* and any application for disapplication of the limitation period under section 33 should be made at the time when the question of limitation was raised by the other defendant.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the second defendant, Mark Teagle, from Sir *Douglas Frank, QC, who, sitting* as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division on November 6, 1987, had allowed an appeal by the first defendant, Ian Roger Brown, from a decision of Mr District Registrar Whittaker on *August 19, 1987.*

Mr Sean Overend for the second defendant; Mr Alexander Dawson *for the first defendant.*

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the appeal raised the *novel point of the meaning and* effect of section 35 of the Limitation Act 1980.

Following a motor cycle accident, the plaintiff had sued the first defendant, and the second defendant had later been joined as a party. There had followed a *claim for contribution by the* second defendant against the first defendant, and a short time after the expiry of three years from the accident the first defendant had put in a contribution notice claiming from the first defendant an indemnity and damages for personal injuries which he had suffered.

Eventually the first defendant had applied for directions in relation to the counter-claim against the second defendant. The district registrar had held that that such a claim in respect of the first defendant's injuries could not be put forward unless and until there had been an application under section 33 of *the 1980 Act to disapply the* ordinary limitation period.

The district registrar had take the view, rightly in his Lordship's judgment, that the first defendant's claims against the second defendant came under section 35(1)(*b*). It was not a new claim by way of third party proceedings. It was thus "any other new claim".

Section 35(1) caused that new claim to relate back to the date of the original action, and on that basis Mr Overend said that the intention of the Act was to enable the court to stop the *claim at the moment that it was* made, because if it was not then stopped the limitation point could never thereafter be made.

The fallacy of that argument was that, although section 35(1) would prevent the defendant ever pleading section 11 of the 1980 Act, that did not prevent him relying on section 35(3). He would be able to say that the new claim was within subsection (1)(*b*) as not being an original counterclaim (that is, between the original plaintiff and the original defendant), and was not allowed to be made after the expiry of the time limited by *section 11.*

That did not answer the question when the section 33 point fell to be taken. Mr Dawson said that the answer was when it was raised by the second defendant, Mr Overend said it should be taken initially.

His Lordship could see no reason why it should be taken *initially. It could certainly be* taken later on, Parliament must be deemed to have been aware of the way the Limitation Acts had always been applied as a procedural bar.

His Lordship did not feel in any way bound by the literal meaning of the words. "No action shall be brought" in section 3 meant that no action should succeed if brought. There was no reason why the words in section 35(3) should be construed any differently.

Lord Justice Parker delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: John Stallard & Co, Worcester; Stephens & Scown, St Austell.

Motorway blockage reason not to endorse licences for U-turns

Fruer v DPP
Siba v DPP
Ward v DPP

Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice French

[Judgment February 15]

Justices were entitled to find that there were special reasons not to endorse the licences of motorists who performed U-turns across the central reservation of a motorway where, because of an apparent blockage, there was a long stationary traffic jam in the motorists' lane and there had been no oncoming traffic in the opposite carriageway for a considerable time.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing appeals by the prosecution against a finding of Reigate Justices that there were special reasons for not endorsing the driving licences of Christopher Robert Fruer, Miroslou Siba and Frank Russell Ward on their convictions for driving motor vehicles on the central reservation of a motorway contrary to regulation 10 of the *Motorways* Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations (SI 1982 No 1163) and section 17 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Mr Andrew Lloyd-Eley for the prosecution; the motorists in person.

MR JUSTICE FRENCH said that the justices found that the *defendants had carried out the* manoeuvre in circumstances such that they were unlikely to be brought into contact with other road users and in circumstances where no danger was either caused or was likely to be caused.

Of course if the motorway had been in normal use it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to turn and for the justices to find special reasons.

But here the motorway was not in normal use. The traffic was already at a halt and the defendants had ample time to examine the opposite carriageway before turning.

It was quite impossible, on the particular facts, to say there was not evidence before the justices *to enable them to find special* reasons not to endorse the defendants' licences.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, concurring, said that these cases turned on their special facts. The decision was *not to be regarded as a licence to* persons to cross over a motorway central reservation when traffic was flowing normally.

Solicitor: Crown Prosecution Service, Reigate.

Safety equipment duty

Crouch v British Rail Engineering Ltd

Where a person's employment regularly involved him in tasks, a reasonably foreseeable and potentially frequent result of which was the risk of injury to the eyes, and which he could be called upon to perform at any time and in any part of a large site, it was not sufficient that the employer made goggles available in a store and informed the employee of the need to wear them; the employer was under a duty actually to provide goggles into the hand of the employee.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Stocker) so held on February 25, allowing the plaintiff's appeal from Mr *Justice Owen, who on Novem*ber 19, 1986 had dismissed his claim for damages for an eye injury sustained in the course of his employment, but assessing his contributory negligence, in failing to wear goggles, which were available in the defendant's store, at 50 per cent.

Correction

In *Quazi v DPP* (*The Times* March 9): the first sentence *should* have read: "The entering of a plea of not guilty in a magistrates' court . . ." thus inserting a "*not*". *February 12*, 1986 was the date of conviction, not of appeal.

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WINCANTON

Selections
By Mandarin

2.00 Knockananna.
2.30 Coughlans Run.
3.00 King Neon.
3.30 Great Destiny.
4.00 Signalman.
4.30 Badihar.
5.00 Averon.

By Michael Seely
2.00 Knockananna. 3.00 Arabian Music. 5.00 AVERON (nap).
Brian Beel's selection: 3.00 King Neon.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,Q,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). *Horse's name.* Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good

2.0 WIN WITH THE TOTE MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,532: 2m) (21 runners)

2	2	ALISANDY 17 (D Woodcock) J Edwards 5-11-7	T Morgan	—
11	0	FARM-LEE 27 (C Donald) K Bailey 5-11-7	P Croucher	—
13	0P	HENSKI 24 (G Jones) R O'Sullivan 5-11-7	—	81
16	P0	LEPUS 71 (N Talbot-Smith) A J Wilson 5-11-7	S Cowley	—
18	P	OUR ALIBI 27 (C Farr) G Kindersley 5-11-7	M Haggeridge (7)	—
19	0	PEPENION 75 (N Castleton) G Balding 5-11-7	G Bradley	—
23	000-44	RECOLLECT 78 (Forme Packaging Ltd) J Payne 6-11-7	—	91
25	0	ROSIE'S JUMPER 131 (Miss R Cleary) G Roe 5-11-7	B Powell	—
27	20-4F0P	SMILE AGAIN 83 (P Stamp) G Gracey 5-11-7	D Morris (4)	—
30	0P	SPARTAN RAFT 79 (J Andrews) G Prest 7-11-7	A Gorman	—
31	40-U0B	SPEARHEAD WARRIOR 79 (P Buckley) K White 5-11-7	N Coleman	—
32	0P0	THE EARL ENRICO 22 (A Taylor) A Taylor 6-11-7	Mr A Taylor	—
33	0	TIDAL STREAM 18 (S Preston) T Forster 5-11-7	C Llewellyn	81
36	F-P0	APRIL FOX 17 (Mrs S Dawes) R Holder 5-11-2	P Murphy	—
37	0-	DIDNELPS 358 (S Wilson) P Rodford 7-11-2	P Richards	—
38	50-P00	FINE KATE 52 (Mrs M Harland) A J Wilson 5-11-2	L Harvey	—
39	04	GALATEA GRACE 6 (Mrs S Oliver) G Roe 7-11-2	R Guest	—
40	04	KNOCKANANNA 13 (R Healy-Fenton) P Hobbs 5-11-2	Peter Hobbs	● 99
43	P	MIDNIGHT SOUZY 112 (Mrs S Dunstan) P Dunstan 7-11-2	K Mooney	—
45	P	TAKE A HIKE 99 (R Padgham) J Edwards 7-11-2	—	—
48	0	WINDY ASH 12 (J Whitmarsh) M Pipe 5-11-2	J Lower	—

BETTING: 3-4 Knockananna, 3-1 Tidal Stream, 4-1 Windy Ash, 11-2 Recollect, 8-1 Papenon, 12-1 Alisandy, 14-1 Farm-Lee, 20-1 others.

1987: SOLIDASAROCK 5-11-7 D Brown (9-4 fav) Mrs M Rimell 17 ran

FORM ALISANDY (11-1) 5l 2nd to Enborne Lad (10-2) in NH Flat race at Fontwell (2m 2f, £999, good to soft, Feb 22, 17 ran).
HENSKI (11-0) best judged on 15½l 5th to Pearly King (11-3) at Ludlow (2m, £710, good to soft, Jan 20, 18 ran).
RECOLLECT (10-0) 4¾l 4th to Menngi (11-6) at Ludlow (2m, £1704, good, Dec 22, 20 ran).
TIDAL STREAM (11-0) 27½l 5th to Epitrol (11-0) at Huntingdon (2m 100y, £1329, good to soft, Feb 23, 16 ran).
KNOCKANANNA (10-9) 18l 4th to Rymster (11-0) at Kempton (2m, £2056, good to soft, Feb 26, 19 ran).
Selection: RECOLLECT

2.30 RED APRIL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,259: 2m 5f) (19 runners)

3	322032	COUGHLANS RUN 14 (C,F,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 9-11-12	C Llewellyn	95
4	3-4132P	KITTINGER 65 (G,S) (H Joel) A Turnell 7-11-10	I Lawrence (7)	90
5	1611U12	ENERGISE 71 (D,F,G,S) (R Turvey) C Popham 10-11-6	K Mooney	● 99
7	143253	CROWECOPPER 8 (F,S) (J A D Eng Ltd) B Preece 9-11-3	R Stronge	94
11	020200	MISTER FEATHERS 75 (F,G) (Mrs M Forde) J King 7-11-0	D Tegg (4)	93
13	F-2300U	STEVASA 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 9-10-11	P Nicholls	83
15	3440F0	CILERNA JET 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Exors of late P Tory) M Tory 9-10-10	Mr A Tory	85
17	F0P334	ROCK SAINT 7 (S) (G Gregson) G Gregson 11-10-8	Mr T Grantham	92
18	PB-000P	BAKERMAN 49 (S) (F Welch) Miss E Sneyd 9-10-8	D Gallagher (4)	—
20	4601-P6	KYLE PRINCE 16 (G) (Dr D Beeton) P Ransom 9-10-5	Miss V Williams	88
21	0004PR	PRINCE MOON 10 (F,S) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 8-10-5	R Guest	—
22	4016P3	THE FLOORLAYER 69 (F,S) (Beauty Floors Ltd) J Baker 10-10-1	M Williams	94
23	F02200	MORE ONE WAY 16 (G,S) (D Heath) R Parker 7-10-0	M Fenton	94
24	003000	OYSTER POND 13 (CD,F,G,S) (D Bare) M McCourt 11-10-0	L Harvey	95
25	442030	BRITANNICUS 122 (F,G) (N Thomson) N Thomson 12-10-0	D Morris (4)	89
29	0/F-004R	KASHILL 10 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Taylor) S Mellor 10-10-0	G Landau	88
30	000-0P0	BE MY LUCK 71 (F,G) (D Grahame) R Hodges 7-10-0	S Earle	—
31	004PPP	PRINCE VIDAR 13 (Miss P Neal) G Doldge 9-10-0	B Powell	—
32	PF0P0P	JOE FLASH 75 (B) (F Gorman) F Gorman 9-10-0	Mr A Forte (7)	72

BETTING: 9-2 Energise, 11-2 Coughlans Run, 7-1 Crowecopper, 8-1 Rock Saint, Kittinger, 10-1 Kashill, 11-1 More One Way, 12-1 Oyster Pond, Mister Feathers, 14-1 Cilerna Jet, 16-1 Stevasa, 20-1 others.

1987: LEAN AR AGHAIDH 10-11-6 G Landau (8-1) S Mellor 9 ran

FORM COUGHLANS RUN (11-10) 5l 2nd to Highway Express (10-6) here (2m 5f, £2222, good, Feb 25, 14 ran) with CILERNA JET (10-8) in 8th and STEVASA (10-9) a fourth fence casualty.
KITTINGER (11-0), on penultimate start, 4l 2nd to Gerami (11-7) at Ludlow (3m, £2159, good, Dec 22, 12 ran).
ENERGISE (12-0) 3l 2nd to Rusty Roc (10-5) at Taunton (2m 150yd, £1989, soft, Dec 30, 9 ran), with BE MY LUCK (10-1) 3rd when falling 2 out and THE FLOORLAYER (10-8) pulled up.
CROWECOPPER (10-10) 11l 3rd to Boreen King (10-7) at Worcester (3m, £2078, good to firm, Mar 2, 16 ran).
MISTER FEATHERS (10-0) 12l 2nd to Larry-O (10-1) at Wolverhampton (2m 4l, £3954, good, Dec 26, 7 ran).
ROCK SAINT (10-4) 22½l 4th to Kelly's Honor (11-5) at Lingfield (2m 4l, £2582, soft, Mar 3, 12 ran.
Selection: ENERGISE

3.0 HINE COGNAC HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,700: 3m 1f) (11 runners)

3	280/P30-	ARABIAN MUSIC 345 (S) (Mrs A Campbell) Mrs A Caspbell 13-12-0	P Hacking (4)	80
4	0U600F-	BLACK EARL 295 (F,S) (B Foster) B Foster 11-12-0	B Foster (7)	—
8	2/4F400-	KILTON JIM 372 (F) (M Tory) M Tory 12-12-0	A Tory (7)	70
9	F11-U2	KING NEON 13 (F,G) (G Cook) G Cook 8-12-0	Miss J Johnston (7)	● 99
10	2/PPPP-1	LE BAMBINO 2 (G,S) (Miss J Barrow) Miss J Barrow 11-12-0	Miss J Barrow (7)	86
11	42/411U-	MISTER BOSUN 285 (D,F,S) (W Gooden) W Gooden 15-12-0	Mrs J Liston (7)	95
13	238/11-0	ROMULEX 13 (G,S) (Mrs J Bairbridge) Mrs J Bairbridge 10-12-0	Miss A Dare (7)	95
15	F4/12-2	SANBER 15 (CD,F) (R Winstade) R Winstade 10-11-8	Miss V Williams (7)	83
17	004F3F/	BALLY CODE 660 (M Taylor) M Taylor 9-11-7	M Taylor (7)	—
18	3FU2-4	GALLIC PRINCE 19 (C Mathew) C Mathew 9-11-7	C Mawde (7)	85
19	2F4-	PLOT LANE 286 (P Doggrell) P Doggrell 11-11-7	M Doggrell (7)	77

BETTING: 9-4 King Neon, 7-2 Le Bambino, 5-1 Romulex, Mister Bosun, 10-1 Sanber, Arabian Music, 14-1 Gallic Prince, 16-1 Plot Lane, 20-1 others.

1987: ROYAL JUDGEMENT 14-11-9 Mr P Hacking (5-6 fav) Lady Rootes 17 ran

FORM KING NEON (12-10) 5l 2nd to Certain Light (12-10) at Kempton (3m, £1626, good to soft, Feb 26, 9 ran) with ROMULEX (12-7) in 3rd when unseating six out.
LE BAMBINO (12-0) beat Gentle Approach (12-8) 6l at Warwick (2m 4f, £1170, good to soft, Mar 8, 9 ran).
MISTER BOSUN (12-7), on penultimate start, beat Fennelly (11-9) 12l at Cheltenham (3m 1f, £2272, good to firm, May 5, 16 ran).
ROMULEX (12-7), final outing last season, easily beat Sunyim (12-2) 4l at Ludlow (3m, £544, good, Apr 16, 12 ran).
SANBER (12-3) 6l 2nd to Matchplay (12-8) at Warwick (2m 4f, £1304, soft, Feb 24, 13 ran).
GALLIC PRINCE (12-0) 4½l 4th to Poker Classic (12-1) at Nottingham (2m 6f, £1657, good, Feb 20, 17 ran).
Selection: KING NEON

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
F Walwyn	9	36	25.0
Mrs J Pitman	11	49	22.4
D Elsworth	18	81	22.2
J Old	3	17	17.6
D Barons	9	51	17.6
D Nicholson	7	40	17.5

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Bradley	6	16	37.5
B de Haan	8	43	18.6
G McCourt	6	33	18.2
K Mooney	9	54	16.7
C Brown	11	67	16.4
P Nicholls	4	30	13.3

STRATFORD

Selections
By Mandarin

2.15 Lucky Blake.
2.45 POLLEN BEE (nap).
3.15 Harley Street Man.
3.45 Whitsunday.
4.15 Hot'N Scopey.
4.45 Chatanoogachoochoo.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Whitsunday.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 HOT'N SCOPEY.

Going: good to soft

2.15 STUDLEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£753: 2m) (11 runners)

1	P03000	SOLENT LAD 22 (D,G,S) (P Maribett) B Stevens 5-11-10	R Stronge	95
2	002000	BEDROCK 7 (D,F) (P Davies) P Davis 5-11-9	J Osborne (4)	● 99
3	002200	LUCKY BLAKE 12 (G) (J Pepper) J Jenkins 5-11-7	S Biddle (7)	94
4	000000	PROMENADER 7 (J Huckle) C Tinkler 5-11-2	J Duggan	97
7	3430P0	PELLS CLOSE 6 (V) (J Bird) S Dow 5-11-0	S Keightley	98
8	F-00030	SPRING WIGEON 12 (K Bell) D Wintle 5-10-13	C Maine	—
9	000	COVER INN 96 (V) (B Vincent) C Holmes 5-10-13	—	97
12	020-04	LA MOLINILLA 12 (C Pointon) Miss S Wilton 5-10-13	Mr M Wellings	—
13	UP0	SPARTAN CITY 75 (G Ratcliff) Mrs A Ratcliff 4-10-13	Mr M Derby	96
14	P000-03	THE DABBER 97 (B Wells) B Wells 5-10-13	G Knight	—
15	0P000-	FIERY SUNSET 362 (G Salter) Mrs A Knight 5-10-13	—	—

BETTING: 5-2 Spring Wigeon, 100-30 The Dabber, 4-1 La Molinilla, 6-1 Lucky Blake, 8-1 Pells Close, 10-1 Bedrock, 12-1 Cover Inn, 16-1 others.

1987: K O ISLAND 4-10-4 J Lower (9-2) M Pipa 13 ran

2.45 EBF NOVICES CHASE (£2,506: 3m 2f) (16 runners)

1	0001P0	ABBA LAD 41 (B,G) (Abba Double Glazing Co Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-7	M Bowlby	85
3	128P/01	COOL SUN 10 (S) (L Hamilton) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-7	M Pitman	● 99
5	0U031P	KING KAS 41 (G) (Milstrain Ltd) D Gandolfo 5-11-7	M Dwyer	87
7	0/00P-6	ARCTIC BARD 24 (T Wragg) S Christian 7-11-1	R Beggan	—
11	3/P00-PU	EXCLUSIVE FOX 12 (S) (Exors of late J Morris) Miss P Morris 11-11-1	C Smith	—
13	U2345U	HALLO MATEY 16 (B) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-11-1	R Supple (7)	98
16	3340FF	LE GRAND MAITRE 5 (Le Maitre & Co Ltd) G Roe 7-11-1	P McDermott (7)	78
19	F20P0	MOSS CONNELL 13 (J Borrett) Mrs I McKie 6-11-1	A Webb	88
21	UR045F	POLLEN BEE 25 (G,S) (Mrs L Dresher) O Sherwood 7-11-1	C Cox	96
24	P09PF0	RELIMORE 10 (V,G) (P Morgan) P Pritchard 8-11-1	R Stronge	—
27	3P2333	BALLYANNAGH 23 (W Wharton) J Wharton 7-10-10	S O'Neill	91
28	PFF0F	BLADON PARK 23 (Mrs L Marsh) R Armytage 6-10-10	M Bowlby	—
29	0/P040F	DEL MAR 10 (B) (N Thick) N Thick 9-10-10	R Hyett	—
31	23F-PU	INCAMELIA II (G) (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 7-10-10	J White	—
33	3-RP03	MARITA ANN 10 (B) (Mrs S Anderson) J Webber 7-10-10	G Mernagh	86
37	0-U00	SCALDINO 8 (K Woisseberg) K Wesseberg 9-10-10	—	79

BETTING: 9-4 Pollen Bee, 11-4 Cool Sun, 9-2 King Kas, 7-1 Marita Ann, 8-1 Le Grand Maitre, 10-1 Abba Lad, 12-1 Hallo Matey, 20-1 others.

1987: RACE DECLARED VOID

3.15 WELFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,243: 2m) (14 runners)

1	2033F4	BALUCHI 20 (D,F,G,S) (D Squire) S Preece 7-12-0	Mr R Bevan (7)	89
4	13211/P	SPANISH STREAK 40 (CD,F,G,S) (M Ewbank) R Brazington 11-11-2	R Beggan	—
5	11F14F	RAMBLING WILD 22 (S) (P Deal) P Harris 7-10-13	J Duggan	84
6	121/F-29	TENISONG 10 (D,F,G) (Miss B Tyler) B Smart 9-10-10	R Dunwoody	85
7	611F3-4	WORTHY KNIGHT 15 (D,F) (T Ounsley) B McLean 7-10-10	B Storey	85
8	014211	HARLEY STREET MAN 10 (D,F,G,S) (J Powis) C Jackson 7-10-9 (7ex)	R Rowe	● 99
10	20420-3	BRIGHT MORNING 21 (D,G,S) (Mrs N Duffield) L Cottrell 10-10-5	R Millman	90
11	P02-P00	FINNESKO 75 (CD,G,S) (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 10-10-3	R Beggan	87
12	3014-30	PANTECHNICON 104 (D,G) (R Wiley-Cohen) N Henderson 8-10-2	M Bowlby	86
13	332444	DEEP RIDGE 12 (CD,F,S) (Mrs B Ripperts) R Hodges 10-10-1	—	89
14	32R111	RUSTY ROC 12 (CD,S) (M Davies) M Davies 7-10-1 (7ex)	W Knox	92
16	27-0033	NEW KAYSER 114 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs K Jacobs) Mrs G Jones 9-10-0	C Smith	86
19	21F0/F-4	STEEL VENTURE 18 (D,F,S) (S Pickering) A James 9-10-0	J Bryan	—
20	F0/PF0	DETAILS GALORE 10 (F) (W J Smith) D Williams 7-10-0	J Doyle	—

BETTING: 11-4 Harley Street Man, 7-2 Rusty Roc, 5-1 Tenesong, 6-1 Rambling Wild, 7-1 Worthy Knight, 8-1 New Kayser, 10-1 Bright Morning, 12-1 Spanish Streak, 16-1 others.

1987: PAN ARCTIC 8-11-3 S Sherwood (9-2) T Bill 9 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
F Winter	10	33	30.3
N Henderson	12	41	29.3
B Preece	3	12	25.0
J FitzGerald	4	19	21.1
Mrs J Pitman	7	34	20.6
O Sherwood	4	20	20.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Duggan	6	16	37.5
J White	5	21	23.8
M Dwyer	5	22	22.7
R Dunwoody	13	81	16.0
M Pitman	3	19	15.8
S Smith Eccles	6	38	15.8

3.30 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,609: 2m) (21 runners)

1	410040	PRIVATEPERFORMANCE 13 (B,D,S) (K Balfour) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-10	B de Haan	90
3	211203	GREAT DESTINY 20 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Bravery) C Brawery 6-11-5	D Gallagher (4)	96
4	03-00	ALLGOLD MEMBER 73 (A Strange) C Popham 6-11-0	S Powell	—
10	P0	CORNER PERFORMER 27 (P Tylor) R Frost 5-11-0	J Frost	—
11	00/0F4P-	CROUGHAUN 371 (R Bastian) M Madgwick 7-11-0	Peter Hobbs	—
18	PP	HENFOLD LANE 13 (Mrs H Macdonnon) R Gow 5-11-0	E Murphy	—
21	0-40310	KELLYANN 19 (S) (R Kelly) W Fisher 5-11-0	C Llewellyn	85
24	04-00	MALICHO 75 (Eastern Quartet Ltd) G Balding 5-11-0	G Bradley	94
26		MEN OF YORKSHIRE (M Peyton) F Walwyn 5-11-0	K Mooney	—
32		TRANSPLANT BLUE (Transplant Ltd) A Turnell 5-11-0	S Knight	—
34	0	UNCLE ELI 13 (R Tory) D Elsworth 5-11-0	R Arnott	95
35		UNIQUE NEW YORK 322 (J Bolam) S Woodman 5-11-0	L Harvey	—
37		ANANDA (J Charlton) N Gaselee 5-10-9	A Adams (7)	—
40	280	CORRIE LASS 8 (A Raison) K Bishop 6-10-9	S Earle	● 99
41	0P-PP	GAMBLING LEE 58 (Mrs K Proudman) J Roberts 7-10-9	C Brown	—
42	060	G W SUPREME 50 (Great Western Devel Ltd) N Mitchell 5-10-9	G Landau	—
43	0	HENRYANA 71 (Mrs M Wason) A J Wilson 6-10-9	T Morgan	—
45	F0	LADY COGNAC 112 (P Williams) D Barons 5-10-9	P Nicholls	—
47	0	MISTRESS ROSS 75 (K Ogden) G Thorner 5-10-9	W McFarland (7)	77
49	0-440	SINGLE WOMAN 71 (G Phillips) A J Wilson 5-10-9	S Cowley	—
50	0	SYNONYMOUS 12 (Lady Black) M McCourt 5-10-9	G McCourt	—

BETTING: 11-4 Great Destiny, 100-30 Corrie Lass, 11-2 Malicho, 7-1 Kellyann, 9-1 Uncle Eli, 10-1 Privateperformance, 12-1 Transplant Blue, 14-1 Ananda, Men of Yorkshire, 16-1 others.

1987: KINGS FOLLY 5-11-0 G McCourt (11-1) D H Jones 18 ran

FORM PRIVATEPERFORMANCE (11-10) 22½l 4th to Out Of Range (11-0) on penultimate start at Taunton (2m 1f, £1414, heavy, Jan 25, 12 ran).
GREAT DESTINY (11-5) 3¼l 3rd to Tuns Hill (10-7) at Sandown (2m, £3077, good to soft, Feb 19, 24 ran).
KELLYANN (10-10) best judged when beating Bradmore's Song (11-5) 4l on penultimate start at Taunton (2m 1f, £1000, heavy, Jan 28, 10 ran).
MALICHO (11-0) 11¼l 7th to Elliot Blues (11-7) at Kempton (2m, £3662, good, Dec 26, 14 ran).
UNCLE ELI (11-0) 23l 5th to Flymster (11-0) at Kempton with PRIVATEPERFORMANCE (11-3) 7½l 9th and HENFOLD LANE (11-0) pulled up (2m, £2066, good to soft, Feb 26, 19 ran).
CORRIE LASS (10-12) seen to best effect when 2l 2nd to Tarahumara (10-12) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £1567, soft, Jan 18, 19 ran).
Selection: GREAT DESTINY

4.0 BROADSTONE NOVICES CHASE (£1,635: 2m) (16 runners)

3	U143P	SAINT MALO 89 (D,F) (Mrs B Taylor) M McCourt 6-12-0	G McCourt	77
5	044F00	BIGEE 5 (F,G,S) (P Kearney) J Sayers 7-11-8	E Murphy	—
9	P0/FP-FP	DARTEL 9 (N Upson) P Upson 8-11-8	J Akehurst	—
11	2F-P6OP	GOLDEN MATCH 100 (F) (Mrs S Hembrow) Mrs S Hembrow 10-11-8	A Jones	86
13	P60-0U0	LAURENBEL 14 (G Hussey) N Mitchell 7-11-8	N Coleman	—
14	P/0-P	MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN 7 (Mrs J Collins) R Hannon 7-11-8	S Knight	—
17	0-2UF0P	SIGNALMAN 6 (G,S) (Mrs A Chapman) O Sherwood 7-11-8	S Sherwood	● 99
18		SMALLWOOD WILLET (H Watfield) P Hobbs 8-11-8	Peter Hobbs	—
19	0P-26PP	SPRINGDALE STAR 10 (Miss B Lance) P Hedger 7-11-8	M Fudong	—
20	0-0F000	SWIFT GUIDE 83 (Mrs E Ellis) R Armytage 8-11-8	A Gorman	—
21	0-P0P	TOYTOWN 47 (Mrs P Ransom) P Ransom 7-11-8	R Guest	—
22	00-003	WILD DEAL 14 (B Alderman) W Fisher 7-11-8	P Richards	90
26	020000	HANDY LANE 14 (F,S) (A Stoddart) C Popham 7-11-3	B Powell	—
28	P00-2U	NEARLY MEDINA 14 (Mrs S Perry) R Hodges 6-11-3	W Irvine (7)	88
29	04-0F44	SPRING PHILTRE 17 (S) (P Watson) D Elsworth 8-11-3	J Frost	88
31	0P0-0PP	KUWAIT STAR 14 (Mrs N De Savary) N Thomson 5-11-0	D Morris (4)	—

BETTING: 5-2 Signalman, 100-30 Bigee, 9-2 Spring Philtre, 11-2 Wild Deal, 10-1 Handy Lane, 12-1 Nearly Medina, 14-1 Saint Malo, 20-1 Mount Tumbledown.

1987: COUGHLANS RUN 8-11-8 H Davies (5-2 fav) T Forster 16 ran

FORM SAINT MALO (11-2) beat judged on a neck defeat of Asmel (11-11) at Worcester (2m, £1593, good to firm, Sept 12, 18 ran).
SIGNALMAN has had jumping problems since (10-12) finishing 2l 2nd to Yank Brown (10-12) at Stratford (2m, £1696, good to firm, Sept 28, 10 ran).
NEARLY MEDINA (11-2) on penultimate start, 20l 2nd to Eastshaw (11-7) at Ludlow (2m, £1608, good, Dec 22, 15 ran).
WILD DEAL (11-4) 16½l 3rd to Kescast (11-4) here (2m, £1667, good, Feb 26, 15 ran).
SPRING PHILTRE (10-0) 27½l 4th to Royal Stag (11-6) at Fontwell (2m 2l 110yd, £2081, good to soft, Feb 22, 14 ran).
Selection: SIGNALMAN

4.30 SPARKFORD NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,782: 2m) (21 runners)

3	031P	MISS LAWSUIT 58 (S) (T McElroy) L Cottrell 10-12	L Harvey	79
4		AFRICANUS MAJOR (Winterbourne Constr Ltd) A Turnell 10-10	I Lawrence (7)	—
5	0P0	ANOTHER SEASON 9 (A Moore) A Moore 10-10	Candy Moore (4)	87
6	202	BADIHAR 7 (M Bolingroke) D M-Smith 10-10	P Croucher	● 99
9	P	DANUM LAD 21 (A Wakelam) R Juckes 10-10	T Wall	—
14	00	GIFTED NEPHEW 14 (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 10-10	B Powell	—
15		GUN HAPPY (M Julian) R Holder 10-10	NON RUNNER	—
16	F00	HELLO TROUBLE 5 (B Attwood) E Wheeler 10-10	C Llewellyn	66
19		JOLLY JACK TAR (C Lloyd-Baker) B Forsey 10-10	N Coleman	—
20		MAHITIS (Miss S Waterman) Miss S Waterman 10-10	Miss S Waterman	—
22	P0	NEARLY GREAT 50 (B) (Mrs F Walwyn) F Walwyn 10-10	S Shilston	—
26		SOLENT KNIGHT (R Robinson) R Robinson 10-10	—	—
28	P0	WILBUR 5 (P Jones) J Old 10-10	—	—
29	00	WINDMEDE 14 (M Bailey) J Sayers 10-10	E Murphy	—
31		COUNTRY DAMSEL (R Barber) R Barber 10-5	Peter Hobbs	—
32	P0	FLYING SILENTLY 7 (R Manning) R Manning 10-5	NON RUNNER	—
33	0	GUNNER'S FLIGHT 21 (G Tory) D Elsworth 10-5	C Brown	—
34	0	HINTON ROSE 22 (M Soames) M Ryan 10-5	J McLaughlin	—
35	0	LADY SILCA KEY 71 (Miss J Thorne) Miss J Thorne 10-5	N Dawe	—
37	0	QUICK RIPOSTE 14 (A Csaky) A Csaky 10-5	B Wright	—
38	00	REGAL RHYTHM 14 (D Clark) W Wightman 10-5	K Mooney	—

BETTING: 7-4 Badihar, 4-1 Nearly Great, 5-1 Miss Lawsuit, 6-1 Hello Trouble, 8-1 Regal Rhythm, 10-1 Gunner's Fight, 12-1 Wilbur, 20-1 others.

1987: GOOD LORD 10-10 R Linley (10-1) G Balding 20 ran

FORM MISS LAWSUIT (10-2) beat African Opera (10-7) 15l at Taunton on penultimate start (2m 1f, £799, soft, Dec 30, 11 ran).
ANOTHER SEASON (10-10) 13½l 7th to Silver Ocean (10-9) at Plumpton (2m, £733, good to soft, Mar 1, 18 ran).
BADIHAR (10-12) 1½l 2nd to Flutter Money (10-12) at Ludlow (2m, £907, good, Mar 3, 17 ran).
WINDMEDE (11-0) best judged on 25l 7th to Russian Affair (11-0) at Sandown on penultimate start (2m, £3156, good to soft, Feb 19, 13 ran).
GUNNER'S FLIGHT (10-9) distant 5th to Kings Victory (11-3) at Taunton with DANUM LAD (11-0) pulled up (2m 1f, £751, soft, Feb 18, 12 ran).
Selection: BADIHAR

5.0 PORTMAN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,895: 2m) (24 runners)

1	10-4210	MOEL FAMMAU 50 (B,S) (Miss J Walwyn) S Christian 5-11-10	A McDolland (7)	82
2	10/00-00	MUSIC WONDER 26 (CD,S) (E Carnell) R Hodges 7-11-10	—	—
3	111430	RELATIVELY EASY 15 (CD,S) (A M-Buchanan) D Nicholson 5-11-8	W Humphreys (4)	85
5	00-1133	RIBOVINO 75 (CD,F,G) (T Pearce) P Hayward 5-11-7	P Boseman (7)	83
7	043311	AVERON 7 (D,G,S) (W Wildman) C Wildman 8-11-6 (7ex)	R Dennis	98
8	2-32300	KAMAG 13 (F,G,S) (D Holly) D Holly 10-11-5	—	86
10	22-3102	MAC'S GOLD 23 (D,S) (Mrs R Hepburn) R Armytage 6-11-4	—	82
12	11-S00P	HOPEFUL MISSION 97 (F,G) (A Speyer) H Bleasby 9-11-3	J Brown (7)	94
13	20432/2-	FIONNADOR 568 (F,G) (M Bradstock) M Bradstock 10-11-3	K Mooney	—
15	400P00	BRENT RIVERSIDE 5 (V,D,F,S) (S Mason) G Balding 5-11-2	R Guest	80
17	023000	PIP 75 (CD,F) (B Smith) S Woodman 8-11-0	G McCourt	91
18	002030	OUR WHITE HART 21 (D,F,S) (Mrs B Short) K Bailey 8-11-0	P Croucher	93
20	004FP0	SHIPWRIGHT 8 (D,S) (R Barnsey) H O'Neill 7-10-9	D Gallagher (4)	88
21	4203PP	MARINERS DREAM 93 (CD,F,S) (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 7-10-7	G Landau	84
22	032010	I WONDER WHEN 17 (G,S) (M Oseman) G Price 7-10-7	A Adams (7)	91
23	1-000U0	BABY BOY 19 (S) (Mrs J Hicks) T Hallett 7-10-7	D Morris (4)	80
24	0-0P430	BABY SIGH 50 (G) (G Stickland) G Stickland 6-10-5	Mr S Stickland	● 99
25	100-000	MISTS OF TIME 17 (D,F) (Mrs H Dorey) C Miller 6-10-4	S Sherwood	82
27	0/01P0-	ARENA AUCTION 392 (S) (Mrs S Pattemore) S Pattemore 6-10-3	J Lower	80
28	024-000	SPARKLER SPIRIT 78 (G) (Sparkler Fliers G B Ltd) P Balley 7-10-2	B Powell	90
30	400/00P-	HI HIGH 496 (Mrs S Pattemora) S Pattemore 7-10-1	R MacNiece (7)	—
31	00-4000	AMERICAN GIRL 138 (F,G,S) (M Reeve) H O'Neill 9-10-0	—	—
32	41-P3PF	COURT RAPIER 15 (F) (H Perry) K Bishop 6-10-0	S Earle	90
34	304200	BULLYWEST 28 (D,F) (Mrs A Weston) R Hodges 10-10-0	W Irvine (7)	89

BETTING: 9-4 Averon, 4-1 Relatively Easy, 5-1 Mac's Gold, 6-1 Moel Fammau, 13-2 Pionnadoir, 8-1 Ribovino, 12-1 I Wonder When, 14-1 others.

1987: NORSTOWN 5-10-8 N Coleman (20-1) R Holder 16 ran

FORM MOEL FAMMAU (10-7) beat judged on a length defeat of Sir Crusty (10-8) at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, £2152, heavy, Jan 12, 9 ran) with BALLYWEST (10-7) a well beaten 7th and BABY BOY (10-1) 8th.
RELATIVELY EASY (10-11), on penultimate start, 17l 3rd to Nick The Brief

CRICKET: MAN-OF-THE-MATCH CHEQUE BOUNCES FROM EMBUREY TO NEW ZEALAND CAPTAIN

Overcoming final-run nerves

From Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent
Dunedin

For a few awful minutes at sun-lit Carisbrook last evening it began to seem that England's inability to win Test matches when the chance presents itself had spread into the more basic area of limited-overs cricket.

Faced with the simple equation of scoring 19 runs in five overs, with six wickets in hand, there was a hint of paralysis and a definite touch of panic. However, with the Dunedin crowd stamping and clapping in unanticipated excitement, Fairbrother completed the job with a flourish.

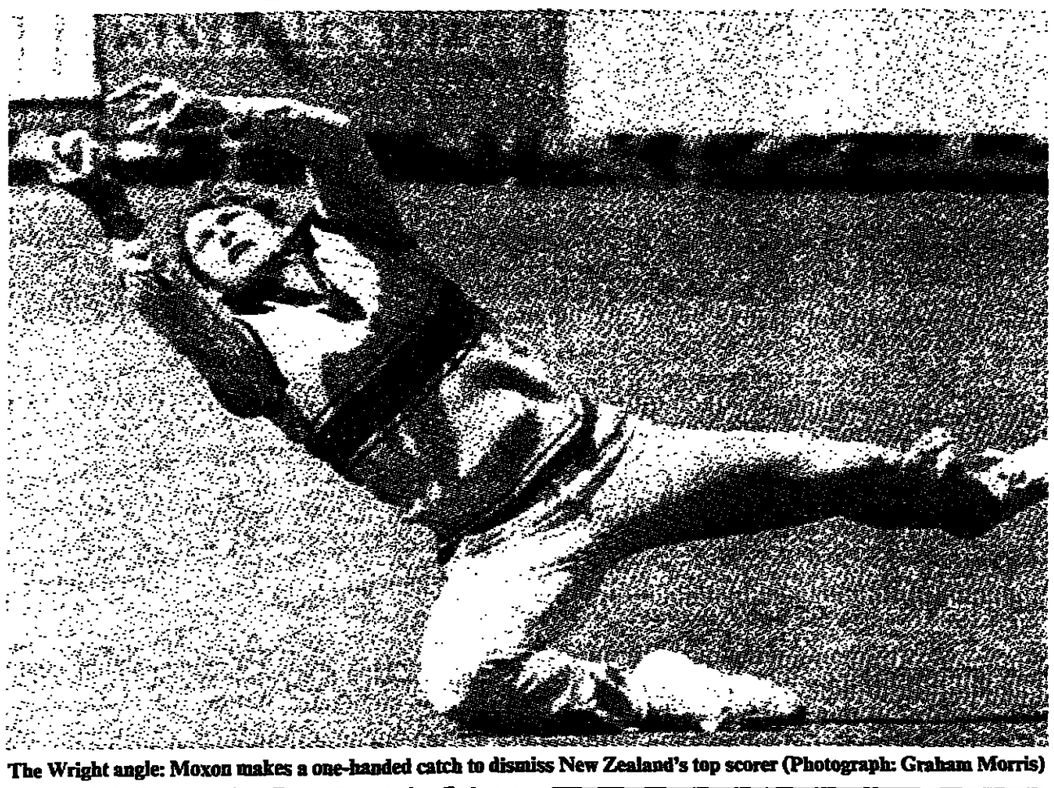
Although there were only four balls to spare when Fairbrother whipped the winning four to square leg, completing his first international half-century in the process, this will nevertheless be remembered as a comfortable win for England. Properly so, too, for they were much the better side.

The day did not end without a fiasco with the sponsors presenting their £200 man-of-the-match award to the wrong man. John Wright, the New Zealand captain, was the adjudicator's choice but the message lost something in transmission and Emburey was announced as the winner. Once the error had been pointed out, Emburey handed over the cash.

It was a paradox of the match that, despite being generally outplayed, New Zealand possessed both the outstanding batsman and bowler. Their innings, however, fell away timidly after Wright, who won the toss, had set up the prospect of a big score and when they bowled, Chatfield, in his 102nd international, was the only man capable of imposing any control. His figures of two for 15 in 10 overs are the most economical recorded in a one-day match between these countries.

Unhappily, this must go down as another day to disappoint the tour organizers. The authorities were counting on the four one-day internationals to attract big crowds and produce compelling cricket. In this first game, they were let down.

The crowd numbered fewer than 10,000, when 15,000 had been the confident forecast, and the cricket suffered through a pitch of uncertain pace and bounce, plus the inevitable lack of power in the under-strength teams.



The Wright angle: Moxon makes a one-handed catch to dismiss New Zealand's top scorer (Photograph: Graham Morris)

New Zealand, already without Hadlee and Jones, almost lost a third leading player when Crowe, padding up outside the nets before play, was hit on the head by a ball struck by Capel. Doctors were initially unsure whether he should take part but Crowe passed himself fit and, coming in at the fall of Reid, batted with transitory glory before deciding things were too easy and playing lazily down the wrong line to Jarvis.

Wright and Greatbatch, altogether more workmanlike, then put on 77 in 17 overs and New Zealand looked bound for a score of about 250.

Their downfall reflected credit on England's attack. Emburey initiated the slide, as was only just. He should have dismissed Wright for 28, but French made a hash of a stumping chance. When he lured Greatbatch to his end, the New Zealand decline was swift.

Wright, caught one-handed by Moxon at mid-wicket, had made 70 from 91 balls but thereafter only Kuggeleijn, on his first appearance, held off England's attack. Emburey finished with four wickets as the last eight fell for 77.

Although the ball tended to come through at varying heights while still new and hard, a target of 205 should have been meat and drink to England. Broad was in the sort of mood when one wonders how he can possibly get out (it took a run-out) and Gatting was mischievously inventive before relaxing against Rutherford, the joker in the bowling pack.

At 114 for four it was still open but Wright's problem was having only one Chatfield. Three other seam bowlers, plus Bracewell, all failed to bowl to their field and Fairbrother and Capel were able to pick up runs at a steady rate.

Capel, the more forthright of the young pair, was two short of a merited half-century when he advanced to Chatfield in the maestro's last over and was caught behind. The crowd saw this as the cue for genuine drama but it soon petered out. Snedden's next over, the penultimate of the innings, cost 11 runs and England were virtually home.

SCOREBOARD FROM DUNEDIN

New Zealand won toss

NEW ZEALAND

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
R B Reid c Broad b DeFreitas	8	–	–	35	29
*J G Wright c Moxon b Radford	70	1	8	129	92
M D Crowe b Jarvis	18	–	3	19	19
M J Greatbatch c Capel b Emburey	28	–	4	58	48
K R Rutherford c French b Capel	13	–	1	35	26
D Kuggeleijn c Gatting b DeFreitas	34	–	2	76	53
J G Bracewell run out (DeFreitas)	7	–	–	28	18
†I D S Smith b Emburey	0	–	–	2	2
M C Snedden b Emburey	7	–	–	16	11
W Watson not out	0	–	–	4	0
E J Chatfield st French b Emburey	0	–	–	1	1
Extras (lb 13, w 5, nb 1)	19				
Total (49.4 overs)	204				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-50, 3-127, 4-140, 5-157, 6-188, 7-190, 8-204, 9-204.
BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-1-26-2 (nb 1); Radford 10-0-47-1 (w 3); Capel 10-1-45-1 (w 2); Jarvis 10-2-34-1; Emburey 9.4-0-39-4.

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
B C Broad run out (Crowe)	33	–	3	81	57
M D Moxon c Smith b Chatfield	6	–	1	35	23
R T Robinson lbw Snedden	17	–	3	27	30
*M W Gatting c Kuggeleijn b Rutherford	42	–	5	47	43
N H Fairbrother not out	50	–	7	117	75
D J Capel c Smith b Chatfield	48	–	4	76	65
J E Emburey not out	2	–	–	10	4
Extras (lb 6, w 2, nb 1)	9				
Total (5 wkts, 49.2 overs)	207				

†B N French, P A J DeFreitas, P W Jarvis and N V Radford did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-53, 3-69, 4-114, 5-192.
BOWLING: Watson 10-2-46-0 (nb 1); Chatfield 10-2-15-2; Kuggeleijn 7-0-31-0; Snedden 10-1-46-1; Bracewell 7.2-0-42-0 (w 1); Rutherford 5-0-21-1 (w 1).
Man of the Match: J G Wright.
Umpires: R McHarg and G Morris.

Versatile Harper restores a balance

Kingston, Jamaica (Reuter) – The Pakistan touring team's opening match, against the West Indies Cricket Board President's XI, appeared to be heading for an exciting finish here after they had finished the third day at 106 for four, 127 ahead.

In the final session Benjamin exploited an apparent weakness against the short ball, dismissing Aamer Malik and Salim Malik with lifting deliveries which they parried to Harper in the gully. Harper's off spin then accounted for Rameez Raja (40) and Ijaz Ahmed in successive balls to leave the Pakistanis struggling at 76 for four. However, Javed Miandad and Imran Khan then survived an uncomfortable last half-hour.

Earlier the left-arm bowler, Saleem Jaffer, had taken six for 67 as the President's XI were dismissed for 311, giving the touring side a first-innings lead of 21. Imran, playing his first match after a three-month retirement, must have encouraged his team ahead of Saturday's first one-day international by bowling at something near his best.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings 332 for 9 dec (Salim Malik 86, Javed Miandad 63; C L Hooper four for 72).

Second Innings

Rameez Raja c Best b Harper	40
Aamer Malik c Harper b Benjamin	21
Salim Malik c Harper b Benjamin	5
Javed Miandad not out	20
Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Harper	0
*Imran Khan not out	13
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total (4 wkts)	106

†Saleem Yousuf, Naveed Anjum, Tauseef Ahmed, Saleem Jaffer and Mudassar Nazar to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-62, 3-76, 4-76
BOWLING: Gray 7-1-15-0; Bishop 7-1-16-0; Benjamin 12-5-30-2; Harper 15-4-28-2; Hooper 8-1-14-0.

PRESIDENT'S XI: First Innings

P V Simmons b Naveed	39
W W Lewis c Aamer b Jaffer	47
C A Best c Miandad b Jaffer	13
K L T Arthurton lbw b Imran	41
C L Hooper lbw b Naveed	67
A H Gray lbw b Jaffer	20
T R O Payne c Yousuf b Imran	0
*R A Harper b Jaffer	30
†D A Williams lbw b Jaffer	6
W K M Benjamin b Jaffer	18
I Bishop not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 15, nb 10)	30
Total	311

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-74, 2-100, 3-114, 4-208, 5-208, 6-232, 7-232, 8-260, 9-278.
BOWLING: Imran 20-1-64-2; Jaffer 18.2-0-67-6; Naveed 15-1-53-2; Tauseef 30-9-60-0; Salim Malik 7-0-47-0.

● SYDNEY: Australia may send a tour party to Zimbabwe in April, following its decision to cancel a tour of Sri Lanka (AP reports). The chief executive of the Australian Cricket Board, David Richards, said that Australia had been invited to tour from April 7 to 28.

● PERTH: Kim Hughes, the former Australian captain, has been recalled to the Western Australia side for the Sheffield Shield final against Queensland, starting on March 18, following scores of 146 and 205 for his club side, Subiaco-Floreat, in district competition (AFP reports).

ATHLETICS

Lack of funds to cut back junior team for Canada

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

If there is one area of British athletics which has escaped the censures of cynicism, over-commercialization and drug suspicions in the last few years, it has been the junior squad and its organizers.

They are the most successful branch of British athletics – witness nine gold medals in last year's European junior championships – yet the numbers going to Canada for the world junior championships in June are being restricted by the British Board, due to the shortfall in finance, which is wholly a result of managerial incompetence. So the sins of the officials are visited upon the young athletes.

Fortunately, the youngsters have one of the most benevolent sponsors in British athletics, Dairy Crest, who yesterday became the first company to reinvest in British athletics, to the extent of £1.1 million over the next four years.

It may not mean any more juniors going to Canada, but it does mean that the whole junior domestic season, including training camps, will continue to be underwritten, and that can only be good for the future of the sport. For, as in education, opportunities for the young and willing give the greatest return in investment. It is a pity more governments do not realize it.

Dairy Crest will also continue to sponsor two international televised events per year, and provide awards for particular athletic achievement. The company has increased its sponsorship by roughly £30,000 a year since their initial investment of £750,000 from 1985.

Kenya threatens to pull out over Budd

Nairobi (AFP) – Kenya, who last year provided the individual winners in the senior and junior men's races as well an outstanding squad which overwhelmed the opposition in the senior team event – they had four of the first six finishers – will boycott the forthcoming world cross-country championships in New Zealand if Zola Budd is allowed to take part, officials said yesterday.

Such a move would deny John Ngugi the opportunity to go for his third successive title at a time when Kenya are establishing themselves firmly at the head of world distance running. At the track and field championships in Rome last year, Kenyan athletes won both the 10,000 metres and the marathon.

J. M. Mwakio, an official at the Culture and Social Services Ministry, which encompasses sport, said Kenya would be conforming with a stand already taken by the Supreme Council of Sport in Africa (SCSA) on the Budd issue. Zambia and Nigeria have already threatened to boycott the meeting scheduled for March 26 should Budd participate. She was born in South Africa but holds a British passport.

Commodore Baye Lawal, the SCSA president, said last week that the Budd affair has done incalculable damage to sport, while Lamine Ba, the SCSA Secretary-General, said: "We are not boycotting for the pleasure of doing so." He added, however, that the boycott could only become effective when all possibilities of avoiding it are exhausted.

TENNIS

Evert safely through

From Barry Wood, Boca Raton, Florida

Chris Evert's greater physical strength and tactical experience allowed her to come through what could have been a traumatic match with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Monica Seles in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Florida.

"It's my first week back after five weeks off, and I'd have preferred not to have played a 14-year-old phenomenon, especially after what happened here last year," Evert said, recalling her defeat by Kate Gompert. "But it was a good, tough match for me to have. We had some strenuous rallies, and both had to work hard for our points. She's so tiny and it's amazing that she ran around like she did."

RESULTS: First round: S Gomes (Yug) bt C Porwik (WG), 6-4, 6-1; R Fairbank (US) bt K Keil (US), 6-2, 6-2; M-J Fernandez (US) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 7-5, 6-2; A Kijimuta (Japan) bt H Cioffi (US), 3-6, 6-4, 6-0. Second round: S Graf (WG) bt L Bonder (US), 6-1, 6-1; N Tauziat (Fr) bt B Schultz (Neth), 6-2, 6-2; H Sukova (Cz) bt P Tarabini (Arg), 6-2, 6-1; P Shriver (US) bt W Probst (WG), 6-1, 6-1; R Reggi (It) bt L Golarsa (It), 6-3, 6-3; E Reinach (SA) bt N Dias (Br), 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; K Schlinger (SA) bt L Ferrando (It), 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; C Evert (US) bt M Seles (Yug), 6-2, 6-1; G Fernandez (Puerto Rico) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.

YACHTING

Fay prepared for San Diego

Sydney (Reuter) – New Zealand's America's Cup challenge syndicate said yesterday it had agreed to participate in a multi-nation elimination series starting in San Diego on February 1, 1989. Michael Fay, the syndicate chairman, said in a statement released here that the America's Cup match would then start on May 1, 1989, also in San Diego.

"All yachts competing, including the defending yacht from the San Diego Yacht Club, would be single-masted, monohulls, not more than 90 foot on the load waterline," Fay said.

His move to break the legal logjam follows the San Diego Yacht Club's last-minute decision in late February to accept other challengers to race off California this September.

San Diego issued the invitation in the New York Supreme Court, where it was facing charges from the British yachtsman, Peter de Savary, that it had violated the Cup's Deed of Gift by stopping countries other than New Zealand from challenging for the Cup.

Fay initially called the offer too little, too late as no other syndicate would have had time to build a contender. The millionaire merchant banker also criticized San Diego's decision to race in a multihull, thought to be faster than a monohull, off San Pedro Bay, California, where the winds are likely to favour multihulls.

But yesterday Fay said he had agreed to the San Diego offer in an attempt to preserve the spirit of the America's Cup. "New Zealand wants to settle the America's Cup on the water. As true sportsmen, the Kiwis have always wanted this match to be multi-national, and have now presented to San Diego the means of accomplishing this objective.

"We hope that the San Diego Yacht Club will now deal with this matter in the true tradition and spirit of the America's Cup and embrace this opportunity," Fay said.

"The San Diego Yacht Club only agreed to allow other countries to participate when they knew it was impossible for anyone else to be there. It's time for the interests of yachtsmen around the world to prevail over the private and selfish interests of Sail America.

"Accordingly, in a letter sent to Justice Ciparick [of the New York Supreme Court] today we have stated that we agree to participate in a multi-national challenge elimination series starting in San Diego on February 1, 1989, with the America's Cup match commencing on May 1, 1989, in San Diego."

Sail America is the managing arm of the San Diego Yacht Club which reclaimed the "Auld Mug" for the United States when Dennis Conner, in Stars and Stripes, beat Australia's Kookaburra III off Fremantle, Western Australia, early last year.

The 1986-87 event was raced in 12-metre yachts which became part of the Cup competition in the late 1950s.

Last July Fay, frustrated by lack of news from San Diego about the next series, challenged the defenders to a race in 90-foot load waterline yachts, a move he believed the wording of the Deed of Gift allowed.

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CYCLING

Objection to foreign team link

By Peter Bryan

A proposal by Halfords, the retail chain, to sponsor a foreign-based professional team in the pro-am Milk Race has met with sharp criticism from the sport's year-round United Kingdom sponsors who see themselves losing financially and in terms of publicity.

Halfords said yesterday that plans for a link with the French Z-Peugeot squad "still had to be confirmed". Z-Peugeot have signed 19 riders this season, including Joey McLoughlin, winner of the 1986 Milk Race, and Adrian Timmis, both of whom rode last year for the ill-fated ANC-Halfords squad which collapsed financially before the end of the season. Both would almost certainly be in the round-Britain race which starts in London on May 30.

The basic objection to the "rent a team" idea being voiced by British sponsors is that it contributes nothing to the furtherence of professional racing in Britain. Until this season, individual overseas riders have been allowed to guest for teams in Britain but that loophole was closed at last year's annual meeting of the Professional Cycling Association.

Alan Rushton, chairman of the PCA, said yesterday he felt there would be a "harmonious outcome" to the problem. It is on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting of the professional racing committee of the British Cycling Federation.

SPORTS LETTERS

Television must play the game

From Dr J. H. Evans
Sir, I have waited a long time for a sports writer to draw attention to the plight of a typical television viewer trying to follow some of the sports coverage on television. It was therefore heartwarming to read Aaron Ridley's observations (February 23) on the television camera work covering a recent football match. A number of his points can certainly be extended to rugby, cricket and even snooker.

Among the worse habits must be the ground-level shots in rugby and the emphasis on close-ups, both of which hide the relative positions of players; in cricket one could include the monotonous side-on view of bowlers with the 90° reorientation just as they bowl, and the frenetic camera work if a wicket is lost – not to mention the close-ups of a ball going to the boundary, thereby ensuring we miss the excitement raised by the chasing fielders.

One could go on with many more examples but generally in both these sports and in football, the viewer is flickered at an alarming rate (try counting!) from long shots to close-ups and from position to position in a seemingly indeterminate fashion. It may well be a technical *tour de force*, probably enhancing the status of the producer as he plays his control panel like a virtuoso organist, but the resulting punctuated approach can make the viewer feel like a disoriented grasshopper and make the games virtually unwatchable.

Certainly I feel the time has come for some of the producers' folklore (e.g. more cameras mean better coverage) to be reappraised and some of the unnecessary (and presumably expensive) technical overkill eliminated. If someone could concentrate on giving the viewer a clear, smooth coverage from a single vantage point then some of the enjoyment and relaxation could be brought back to watching sport on television.
Yours faithfully,
J. H. EVANS,
27 Clevelands, Abingdon.

From Mr Alan Smith
Sir, I watched the recent televised football match between Liverpool and Everton and until I tired of the pastime I marked down with pencil and paper which side played each pass, or whether the ball went out of play. Of Liverpool's first 90 passes (including headers, goal kicks and throw-ins) only 48 went to team-mates; the remaining 42 went to Everton players or out of play. In the same period Everton played the ball 89 times: 52 of those passes went to team-mates; the remaining 37 went to Liverpool players or out of play.

A statistician could tell us how far these patterns of play depart from perfectly random behaviour; as a mere layman I can only say there is not a lot of fun to be had from watching highly paid professionals systematically kicking the ball to their opponents.
Yours faithfully,
ALAN SMITH,
63 Abbey House,
Abbey Road, NW8.

Running into tactical error

From Mr J. D. Gibbs
Sir, After yet another disappointing performance by England – this time at Murrayfield – it is their tactical approach to the game which causes consternation. Despite selecting a threequarter line of acknowledged scoring potential, little attempt was made to involve their runners in the game.

Ball caught in the lineout was held, rolling mauls edged their way upfield, scrum ball was never released quickly enough and in the loose few of the English forwards remained on their feet. The threequarters thus seldom received the ball when they wanted it, and even when it did reach the scrum half, the normal ploy was for him or another threequarter to kick, or for the scrum half to pass to a forward who drove back into the pack or for a centre to do likewise.

Despite protestations of the wish to play an expansive game, there was no evidence of this. On the contrary every tactic seemed designed to ensure the threequarters could not run with the ball. Rugger is intended to be a handling game, and only when the English forwards are encouraged to produce quick ball for the threequarters to run shall we have a game which is worth watching.

The limited nature of the present English approach to the game may have produced a narrow win last Saturday, but in the wider context of the game itself as a sport it holds no future for either spectators or players.
Yours faithfully,
J. D. GIBBS,
Park House,
Dry Hill Road,
Tonbridge, Kent.

From Mr Tim George
Sir, Surely the fences at Twickenham would be to protect the spectators from the players.
Yours faithfully,
TIM GEORGE,
2 Putney Common, SW15.

Recognition for the individual

From Lord Killearn
Sir, Surely it must be inappropriate to talk of, for example, the USA, USSR – or, nearer home, Sweden, Switzerland (et al) – winning gold, silver or bronze medals; and for national flags to be hoisted. The top contestants certainly do not think that way. This development, as indeed the initial march-past of national contingents, is a sad aftermath of the pre-war "Hitler/Riefenstahl" Games in Berlin.

As I recall, the Games in Olympia were intended to test, and attest to, individual excellence. Current hostilities went into abeyance "for the duration"; athletes from Athens, Thebes, or further afield would arrive in groups, not only for companionship but also for security.

From Mr C. R. Prior
Sir, Perhaps the high profile at Calgary of the "Eagle" has been good for the Olympic movement. Recent Games have so often been overshadowed by political ideals rather, than Olympic ideals. "Eddie the Eagle" has shown that there is a human factor to such events. He is the true amateur in an ever-growing band of "professionals" in sport. It is of course a pity that he has been highlighted more than some of the other amateurs.
Yours faithfully,
C. R. PRIOR,
27 Rectory Meadow,
Southfleet, Kent.
February 26.

From Mr A. R. Bell
Sir, I very much regret that all the effort, time and expense put into deciding between Birmingham and Manchester as Britain's candidate for the 1996 Olympic Games will prove to be completely wasted.

Can anyone seriously imagine

From Mr Tom Foxe
Sir, The ice skater, Midori Ito, would no doubt have appreciated the comment of your reporter, John Hennessy, that "her chunky 4ft 8in physique militates against supreme artistry" (February 29) before she set out to become world champion. It would have saved her so much hard work. He might also have warned Kevin Keegan, Diego Maradona, and other chunkies who try so hard to make it.

Would it not have been more to the point to have remarked that skating judges (and journalists) are, sadly, prejudiced against shorter people?
Yours,
T. FOXE,
110 Gertrude Road,
Norwich.
February 29.

Nor is it logical for a country to limit entrants to any particular event to a "team" number. If one country has, say, 10 athletes of Olympic quality, or another country none, so be it. By the same token, any form of "team" contest – hockey, volleyball (or, even, relay race and multiple bobsleigh crews) – cannot be thought to meet the Olympic ideal.

Olympic medals should be no more a source of overweening national pride than are, for instance, Nobel Prizes, or the doubles championship at Wimbledon.

Yours faithfully,
KILLEARN,
House of Lords, SW1.
February 28.

From Mr Matthew Buckley
Sir, I must take issue with Professors Gevay and Kiss (March 3), who I feel have completely missed the point of the Calgary Winter Olympic Games symbol.

The symbol surely reflects the three most important aspects of the Games: the five Olympic rings, intertwined to form a snowflake in the shape of a maple leaf.

Thus the Olympic ideal, the element of winter and the host nation are all represented.
Yours faithfully,
M. BUCKLEY,
25 Maygrove Road, NW6.
March 3.

that the Games will be awarded to a country which has just, in the eyes of the world, done so much to trivialize the Calgary Winter Olympics?
Yours faithfully,
A. R. BELL,
10 Pannal Ash Drive,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.
March 4.

Lending support

From Mr I. D. Todd
Sir, At last, someone who is prepared to recognize, and publicize, the positive role which properly constituted supporters' organizations can play in football administration! However if history is any guide the suggestions on this theme which Tom Pendry makes (March 1) are likely to earn little more than scornful dismissal.

For over 60 years the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs has harnessed and represented the views of the game's true lovers and throughout the troubled recent past has met members of every level of the game's administration, including the Minister for Sport. They have received our responsible advice and our offers to play a variety of constructive roles, but there is evidence of nothing more than a courteous hearing. This dismissive attitude has undoubtedly been a factor in the spawning of newer organizations (like the Football Supporters' Association, with whome NFFSC has established working links) representing individuals, and "fanzines" which are seeking to satisfy a perceived market for publicizing the views of the paying customer.

A recent Federation survey comprehensively confirms Mr Pendry's view of the ineffectiveness of many current membership schemes yet there is not one single established, and much more tightly controlled, supporters' club membership system which has been accepted as part of the football club scheme. There is evidence too that advice and assistance offered by supporters' clubs at inception time were ignored and that problems have resulted. In two known cases League clubs used the opportunity effectively to disband their established supporters' organizations and take over their previously successful activities.

This experience is far removed from the Leeds and Millwall situations and only one example of the wide-ranging role which democratically elected groups of supporter representatives could play in guiding the game's future welfare. Those trusted with the sport's administration rarely travel, refresh, spectate alongside the game's majority customers, whose views were never more vital. Perhaps Mr Pendry's initiative could be the seedling of greater media interest and power-base acknowledgement of our established and responsible role and the catalyst for many more spectators to take an interest in the work done, and potential of, their local supporters' club.
Yours faithfully,
I. D. TODD,
(Travel and crowd control councillor,
The National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs),
8 Wyke Close,
Isleworth, Middlesex.
March 1.

Mixed loyalties

From Mr Dominic E. Walsh
Sir, These days one has become well used to professional footballers, either through their own choice or that of their clubs, declining to play for their country. This was, I thought, a symptom of the all-pervading blanket of modern professionalism.

Imagine my surprise therefore when I read (March 2) that six Loughborough University players had withdrawn from the English Universities team to play their Scottish counterparts in order to play for the university club in their final preparation before the UAU final against Swansea.

Will it be long, I wonder, with the new league system, before we see this phenomenon at full international level in rugby union?
Yours faithfully,
D. WALSH,
2 Josephine Close,
Lower Kingswood,
Tadworth, Surrey.

Youths stumped

From Mr D. N. Vermont
Sir, John Woodcock's description of the decline in cricket in Barbados (March 2) does not mention a factor which is probably having a fundamental effect. On a recent visit I found there was great concern that the move to co-education was depriving half the youths from access to cricket facilities.

Those now attending what were previously girls' schools have no cricket pitches, and those at schools formerly for boys only lack competition and encouragement.

Yours faithfully,
D. N. VERMONT,
Frodsham,
Sawbridgeworth,
Hertfordshire.
March 3.

A tip for the future

From Mr Brian P. Smith
Sir, Another snooker tournament has been plagued by "kicks", for which we hear, unbelievably, there is no explanation. May I suggest two things: a piece of scientific research sponsored by the promoters, who must be keen to eliminate "kicks", and a special hard look at the use of chalk. Applying chalk constantly to improve the hold between cue and ball is crude and must give distortion of contact through chalk dust. Why not a rubber cue-tip and no chalk?
Yours faithfully,
BRIAN P. SMITH,
4 Cliff Road,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.
March 3.

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RUGBY UNION: HACKNEY PROVIDES THE ONLY REAL DELIGHT IN A DULL FINALE TO THE UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Loughborough find key to success but flair is locked away

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Loughborough Univ..... 16
Swansea 9

Loughborough students came of age, you might say, when they won the Universities Athletic Union title for the 21st time at Twickenham yesterday. They beat University College Swansea by a goal, a try and two penalty goals to three penalties, but of those 21 winning finals, this will not rate highly.

Indeed the second half was so eminently forgettable that we were thankful for the little flashes Loughborough showed early in the game to keep us warm as the wind grew colder and the sun, like Loughborough's ambition, went behind the clouds.

It seemed illogical to ignore so completely a winger of Hackney's pace and a footballer of Buzza's skill, for the sometimes inaccurate boot of Vaudin. On Loughborough's behalf it should be said they lost Hudson, their hooker, early in the second half with a kick in the back.

Swain, the flanker, took over his role and thereafter their lineout co-ordination drifted; they never recovered the advantage they held in the first quarter when they dominated Swansea in every respect save the set scrum. Nevertheless Swansea could not break free, even in the second half when Langley and Lewis earned them more possession.

Booth was subdued and David Evans, though he ghosted a couple of times past the first wave of defenders, was always attacking from deep and whatever else Loughborough may have lost, they did not lose their defensive depth.

Buchanan-Smith, their captain, had an excellent game, both as ball winner at the lineout and around the field. It was appropriate that he should score the try, from a five-metre scrum, which gave Loughborough their 13-3 half-time lead and the whip hand throughout the second half, even if Holder's long-range penalty with time running out gave Swansea hope.

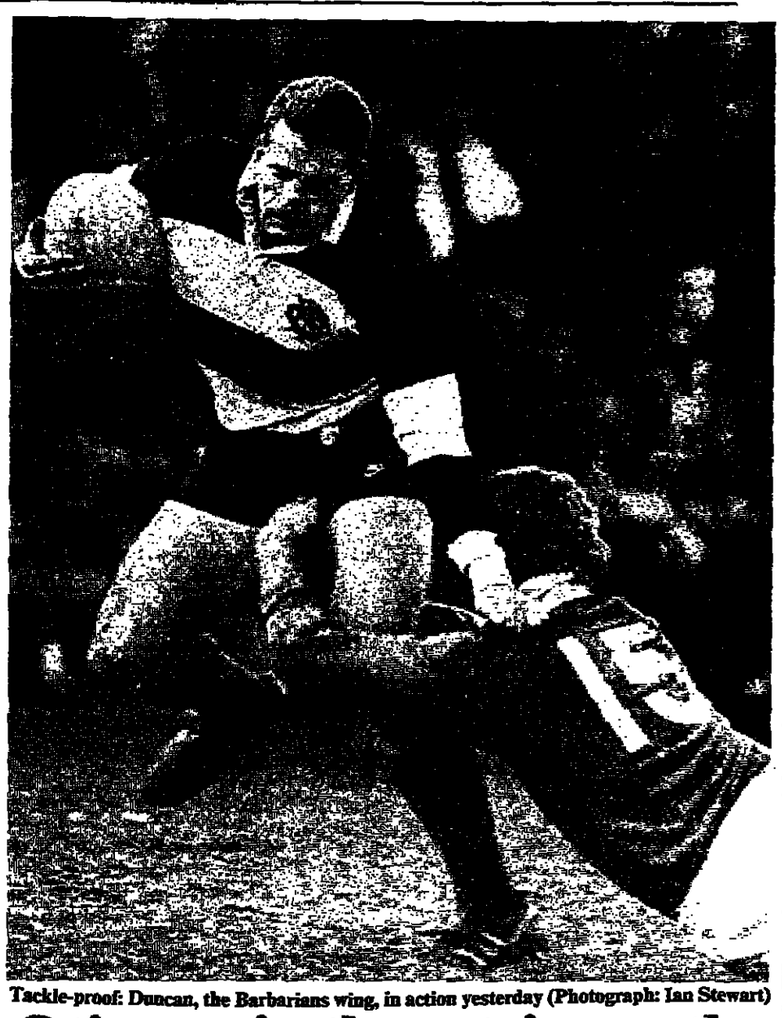
But the delight of the afternoon was Hackney's cheeky score. He had obviously recognized that chance is a rare thing and when he was thrown the ball at a drop-out, rather than hurling it back to Vaudin for a conventional kick, he took a little chip past two defenders, gathered and then sprinted 70 metres for a try all of his own.

David Evans, with a penalty in each half, kept Swansea in the match and Thomas tested the defence a couple of times in midfield. But, if only for Hackney's try and the hard work of their forwards, it was Loughborough's day.

SCORERS: Loughborough University: Tries: Hackney, Buchanan-Smith; Conversion: Vaudin; Penalties: Vaudin (2). UC Swansea: Penalties: D Evans (2), Holder.
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY: A Buzza (Redruth CS); S Hackney (ex Ramsey C of E); J Rowe (Morriston); S Watkins (Chatham); C Hitchcock (Brockford GS); E Vaudin (Bishop Gore CS). M Newall (St Brendan's); J Tennant (Blackpool); J Hodson (Morriston) (rep: G Taylor, Dame Alice Owen). R Wareham (Silcoates). A Buchanan-Smith (Fettes College, capt). J Ellis (Cyfarthfa). R Andrew (Exeter). J Swain (King Edward VI, Five Ways). J Wilby (Queen Elizabeth GS, Wakefield).
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SWANSEA: S James (Monmouth); A Moore (Llanishen HS). G Thomas (Cynffig CS). L Evans (Cwmtawe CS, capt). A Holder (Trinity, John Whitgift). D Evans (Aberdare). A Booth (Bishop Gore CS). D Francis (Brynteg CS). N Williams (St John Deane's College, Northwich). K Miller (Campion). D Enoch (Aberdare). M Langley (St Cyre's CS). J Lewis (Filton HS). M Bennett (Llangatwg CS). S Bryant (Sherborne).
Referee: R Quittenton (London).

Slalom Cup draw

The draw for the semi-finals of the Slalom Lager Rugby League Alliance Cup is Carlisle v Barrow and St Helens v Leeds.



Tackle-proof: Duncan, the Barbarians wing, in action yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Fouroux sticks by his 'big' policy

By David Hands

France will try to stop Wales winning the grand slam this season with the team that comprehensively beat Ireland at the Parc des Princes last month. Any doubt surrounding the shoulder injury which Serge Blanco received during that game evaporated when the full back played for Biarritz at the weekend and he will take his place in Cardiff on March 19.

Thus Jacques Fouroux, for all the criticism that has come his way, has stuck to his policy that big is beautiful. The only change in the party is the restoration of Condom as a replacement instead of Erbani, which makes the possibilities in the back five of the scrum as limited as they were before: it might almost be said that all are No. 8s.

In all likelihood it will be the last appearance in the five nations' championship for Dubroca, the French captain and hooker. He maintains that he will retire from international rugby after the summer tour to South America; his side can still present him with a share of the championship by beating Wales, who are so far unbeaten. Their team will be announced tomorrow.

Lindsay Renwick, who has come close to a senior cap this season, will captain Scotland's B team against France at Chalon-sur-Saône on March 20. The London Scottish wing is moved into the centre

FRANCE (v Wales, March 19, Cardiff): S Blanco (Biarritz); P Bérot (Agen), P Sella (Agen), M Andrieu (Nimes), P Lagisquet (Bayonne); D Camberabero (Béziers), P Berbizier (Agen); L Armary (Lourdes), D Dubroca (Agen, capt), P Ondarts (Dax-riz), M Cécillon (Bourgoin), A Lorieux (Aix-les-Bains), J-C Orso (Toulon), A Carminati (Béziers), L Rodriguez (Dax). Replacements: P Dintrans (Tarbes), J-P Garuet (Lourdes), J Condom (Biarritz), H Sanz (Narbonne), D Charvet (Toulouse), J-P Lescarboura (Dax).
Referee: F Howard (England).
FRANCE B: J Dupuy (Toulouse); B Lacombe (Agen), F Vals (Grenoble), P Trémoulle (Toulon), E Gleyze (Agen); J-P Trille (Tarbes), R Nadin (Brive, capt); J-P Canda (Valence), M Diaz (Toulon), J-M Romand (Grenoble), P Arthapignet (Tarbes), Y Roux (Toulon), P Beraud (Dax), K Janik (Toulouse), C Deslandes (Montferrand). Replacements: H Juillet (Montchanin), P Gallard (Béziers), M Gallise (Lourdes), E Saubevoa (Dax), E Nicol (Montferrand), P Peyfavis (Bayonne).
SCOTLAND B: I Ramsay (Melrose); D Stark (Kilmarnock), L Renwick (London Scottish, capt), R Maclean (Gloucester), T Peterson-Brown (London Scottish); C Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest); D Milne (Heriot's FP), K Milne (Heriot's FP), D Belcher (Harlequins), K Rafferty (Heriot's FP), C Gray (Nottingham), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), G Marshall (Wakefield), H Parker (Kilmarnock). Replacements: G Graham (Stirling County), I Corcoran (Gala), I Leckie (Edinburgh Academicals), D Macdonald (Musselburgh), T Exeter (Moseley), C Spence (Stewart's-Melville FP).
Referee: R Beamish (Ireland).

St Mary's add to their tally

By Gordon Allan

St Mary's 32
Royal Free 0

St Mary's, the holders, won the Hospitals Cup for the ninth time in the past 12 years when they beat Royal Free by a goal, five tries, a dropped goal and a penalty goal to nil in the final at Honor Oak Park yesterday.

It was St Mary's 27th cup success in all, three behind Guy's, who have won it more often than anybody else. The afternoon was spring-like and the usual large and noisy crowd came along for the fun, if not for the rugby. The St Mary's forwards were in control everywhere with the result that what little possession a spirited Royal Free got was slow and untidy. It was only a matter of time before the scores came — and not long at that. St Mary's were seven points up in the opening three minutes: a beautifully struck dropped goal by McLaren from the first scrum and a try by Williams from a break and kick by Wintle.

That lead had been stretched to 18 points by half time. Booth kicked a penalty, Ellery went over from a tap penalty, and Wintle was up in support when Williams ran clear in a narrow space down the left wing. Short, the Royal Free lock, was concussed and left the field at the interval.

After that Mitchell scored in a push over, Wintle was handed a try when Brazier failed to touch down behind his own line, and Simms accelerated to the corner from halfway with scarcely a hand being laid on him. It was the heaviest defeat in a final since St Mary's beat Westminster 49-0 in 1979.

SCORERS: St Mary's: Tries: Williams, Ellery, Wintle (2), Mitchell, Simms. Conversion: Booth. Dropped goal: McLaren. Penalty: Booth.
ST MARY'S: J Booth; R Robinson, K Simms, R Wintle, R Williams; D McLaren, C Whitworth; A Budgen, L O'Hara, A Ellery, A Taylor, P Tooz-Hobson, S O'Leary, M Tappin, P Mitchell.
ROYAL FREE: V Masani; M Rossiter, J McGann, S Heath, J Brazier; B Powell, M Hurst; A Taylor, J Millo, A MacDonald, A Mankiolow, S Short (rep: R Gupta), J Tuckley, T Nokes, D Stock.
Referee: G Crawford (London).

Oti runs in three tries as the Barbarians go on rampage

By Chris Thau

Barbarians 52
East Midlands 13

One only hopes that Chris Oti can reproduce while playing for England the voracious appetite for scoring that brought him three tries for the Barbarians in the Mobbs Memorial game against East Midlands at Franklins Gardens yesterday afternoon.

He scored the first try of the match after a few seconds, and appropriately enough it was the new England winger who completed the 10-try romp with his third and final try of the encounter. His pace is phenomenal and given space and time he can be lethal. Oti, one of the seven new Barbarians in the side, had outside him two men able to exploit those two precious commodities — Les Cusworth and John Buckton.

Cusworth, who captained the Barbarians, seems to have mastered the art of the perfect outside half. The game has ceased to have any secrets for the Leicester man. He can anticipate the trajectory of virtually every ball and make his incredibly long passes find any of his line partners no matter how distant they are.

The Saracens centre, John Buckton, has shown once again why England cannot afford to keep him on the touchline. His deft touches, sense of timing, and impeccably swift distribution bring the best out of those around him. That is why the two wingers, Oti and the Scottish right wing, Matt Duncan, shared between them half the Barbarians tries.

The Barbarians enjoyed dominance in the lineout through their tall men, Cronin, Ackford, and Spring, and up front, which brought Donald Spring two pushover tries. But though swamped by the sheer power of the Barbarians pack and outclassed by the superior skills and playing expertise of the opposing threequarters, the Midlanders never gave up and found resources to run back at their tormenters at every opportunity.

They fought tirelessly to limit the damage and their efforts were rewarded with tries by the Bedford and Zimbabwe international, Andy Tucker, and Frank Packman, of Northampton.

SCORERS: Barbarians: Tries: C Oti (3), M Duncan (2), D Spring (2), G Rees, M Rayer, S Hodgson. Conversions: S Hodgkinson (5). East Midlands: Tries: A Tucker, F Packman. Conversions: A Finnie. Penalty goal: A Finnie.
BARBARIANS: M Rayer (Cardiff); M Duncan (West of Scotland), J Buckton (Saracens), S Hodgkinson (Nottingham), C Oti (Cambridge University); L Cusworth (Leicester, capt), S Kenney (Leicester); D A Buchanan (Llanelli), A Stephens (Wasps), D Young (Swansea), S Hodgson (Vale of Lune), P Ackford (Harlequins), D Cronin (Bath), G Rees (Nottingham), D Spring (Lansdowne).
EAST MIDLANDS: A Key (Nottingham); F Packman (Northampton), D Woodrow (Northampton), C Stone (Northampton), Batty (Bedford) (rep: S Cunningham, Bedford); I Heywood (Rugby), M Howe (Bedford); A Tucker (Bedford), S Bimmington (Bedford), V Cowan (Northampton), S Heaver (Northampton), I Wright (Northampton, capt), O Blewitt (Northampton).
Referee: C High (Manchester).

Manchester prevail in irritable encounter

by Michael Stevenson

Manchester University 13
Liverpool University 8

Manchester University beat Liverpool by a try, a goal and a penalty to two tries at Fallowfield yesterday. Manchester must now beat Leeds University to win the Christie Cup next Wednesday.

Sadly it was an irritable, disjointed match in which fists flew regularly. Miller, having missed two early penalty chances for Manchester, gave way to Jackson, who was successful with his first kick to earn Manchester the lead after 25 minutes.

Early in the second half Liverpool won a lineout but Manchester won the ruck which followed and, having picked Hazzard's pass off his ankles, Jackson accelerated through the gap and scored under the posts. The kick was missed but Adair launched Jackson, and Miller linked, before Bennett scored for Miller to convert.

SCORERS: Manchester: Tries: Jackson and Bennett. Penalties: Jackson. Conversion: Miller. Liverpool: Tries: Lewis, Renwick.
MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY: J Miller; P Bennett, A Wright, S Lucas (rep: C Thompson), A Balance; A Jackson, D Hazzard; M Dickin, A Adair, J Oliver, J Phelps, J Bennett, G Kelso, S Hales, C Allen (capt).
LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY: M Glenn; A Lewis, R McNaughton, M Elliot, A May (rep: M Benson); J Lloyd, R Renwick; S Bell, J Bennett, S Bye, E Forster, M Kennedy, S James, R Ellis, J Taylor (capt).
Referee: D Massey (Manchester and District).

Rearranged game

Swinton will entertain Leeds in a rearranged Stones Bitter Championship Rugby League match next Tuesday.

Welsh have the steel

By a Special Correspondent

Wales Polytechnic 27
Sheffield Polytechnic.... 4

Wales Polytechnic trounced their English rivals from Sheffield on Saracens' ground at Southgate yesterday to lift the British Polytechnic Cup for the eighth time.

With their six Welsh B international triatists and two from England, the rampaging Welsh students were always in control. Abraham kicked an early penalty to put them in front and it was his final pass after 13 minutes that allowed Williams to burst clean through for an easy try under the posts. Abraham easily converted.

Abraham went over in the corner nine minutes before the interval and converted to stretch the lead to 15-0. Further second-half tries by Bewick, Pearn and Moon demoralized Sheffield, whose only points came from a Hodges try midway through the second half.

SCORERS: Wales Polytechnic: Tries: Abraham, Williams, Bewick, Pearn, Moon. Conversions: Abraham (2). Penalty: Abraham. Sheffield: Try: Hodges.
WALES POLYTECHNIC: T Hill; P Morgan, C Connolly, D Law, E Williams; J Pearn, S Bewick; C Davies, R Moon, A Williams, S Davies, G Abraham, G Colling, S Hodges, A Gregory.
SHEFFIELD POLYTECHNIC: A Hayes; A Dunn, A Day, J Middleton, G Robbins; G Humphries, S Hodges; J Challis, A Nuttall, K Morley, D Owen, P Holdstock, S Cooper, A Sandilands, M Jones.
Referee: K Griffiths (London).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Off Piste	Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	70	220	good	varied	good	sunny	5
Excellent conditions							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	70	190	good	powder	good	cloudy	−1
Excellent skiing everywhere							
Obergurgl	105	225	good	varied	good	sunny	0
Good skiing continues							
FRANCE							
Les Arcs	110	185	good	varied	good	fine	−1
Good skiing everywhere							
Flaine	175	330	good	powder	good	sunny	−16
Excellent skiing conditions							
Isola 2000	120	170	good	heavy	icy	fine	−10
Good skiing everywhere							
Val Thorens	140	200	good	powder	good	fine	−6
Excellent skiing conditions							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	100	200	good	varied	good	fine	4
New snow on good base							
Klosters	90	190	good	powder	good	cloud	−5
Perfect conditions on and off piste							
St Moritz	60	120	good	varied	good	fine	−8
Wind causing snow to drift							
Verbier	45	200	good	powder	fair	sun	−1
Good powder skiing							
Wengen	120	200	good	powder	good		−5
Wonderful skiing everywhere							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper and middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, spring snow on a hard base; lower slopes, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 1,900ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow with many icy patches; middle runs, runs complete, spring snow with icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete, wet snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 2,000ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 1,500ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, wet snow on a hard base; middle runs, runs complete, wet snow on a hard base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, wet snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glencoe: no report. Forecast for today: sunny periods and scattered snow showers in all areas, but some heavier ones over Cairngorm, the Lecht and Glencoe while only a few, mainly light showers over Glenshee; colder again with freezing level, 2,000ft; drifting as westerly winds increasing strong to gale force by tomorrow. Outlook for tomorrow: becoming cloudy with rain, sleet or snow; milder again.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

AUSTRIA	L	U
Bad Kleinkirchheim	40	110
Ischgl	50	175
Lech	180	250
Mayrhofen	30	115
Niederau	75	160
Saalbach/Hinterglemm	160	235
St Anton	110	420
Schladming	85	210
Seefeld	110	160
Sölden	30	145
Söll	100	150
Zell am See	90	190

● Information supplied by the Austrian National Tourist Office.

Redbridge victory

Wins for Morten Frost, the all-England badminton champion, and Darren Hall, the English national champion, helped a team comprising players who train at Redbridge Sports Centre beat a Canadian representative side, 4-2, on Tuesday. Redbridge were given a winning start by Hall, who beat Brian Blanshard, the Canadian No. 2, 15-2, 15-7.

HOCKEY

Association keep unbeaten record

By Sydney Friskin

London University 2
Hockey Association XI . 5

An England under-21 side representing the Hockey Association completed their domestic schedule on a note of high promise by defeating London University decisively at Bisham Abbey yesterday to maintain an unbeaten record.

London, despite being overrun late in the second half, had a fair share of the exchanges but lacked the penetrating power of the Association's forwards, among whom Mayer and Billson were the sharpest and most predatory. Krishman was the best of the London forwards.

In the first flush of enthusiasm, Willman, in the London goal, saved well from Billson, whose efforts helped the Association to keep the pressure on. A chance to score from open play was just missed in the 27th minute when Thompson put the ball over the top from Mayer's centre.

Early in the second half, Krishman, the London centre forward, took the Association's defence by surprise and called upon Langstone to save.

The Hockey Association responded by converting the first short corner of this period in the ninth minute through Mark Kirkland, whose brother, Paul, was on the opposite side. This time the ball was well stopped from the line by Blan. But within a minute London redressed the balance with Baxter scoring from a scramble.

After London had squandered their first short corner of the match, Billson took off at high speed on the left and set up a chance for Mayer to put the Association 2-1 ahead. Blan and Mayer scored indirectly from short corners to increase the lead to 4-1 and the fifth goal, the best of the match, was soon to follow, Kirkland rounding off an attack started by Laslett and helped along by Mayer. Almost on full-time Holmes scored directly from a short corner to give London some consolation.

LONDON UNIVERSITY: T Willman (St Thomas Hospital); G Nielson (Kings College), *P Shrimpton (University College Hospital, captain), *P Kirkland (St Thomas's Hospital), *M Blake (Kings College), *M Baxter (Kings College Hospital), A Holmes (Goldsmiths), *M Ward (Wye College), M Coleman (Imperial College), P Kalsmuna (Queen Marys College), I King (Royal Holloway and Bedford New College).
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION XI: M Langstone (Welton); S Blan (West Herts), C Felton (Broxbourne), J Chana (Handsworth Eagles), M Kirkland (West Herts), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), C Mayer (Cannock, captain), M Brayshaw (Cambridge University), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), (sub: M Cross, Loughborough University), J Laslett (Canterbury), A Billson (Teddington).
Umpires: P Worrall, C Brine (Southern Counties).
*denotes a Purple

● The Royal Navy beat the Royal Air Force 5-4 on penalty strokes on the first day of the 32nd Women's Services Hockey Tournament at the Royal Aldershot Officers Club yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 143, Phoenix Suns 113; Indiana Pacers 117, Detroit Pistons 104; Portland Trail Blazers 112, Dallas Mavericks 110; Milwaukee Bucks 119, San Antonio Spurs 101; Houston Rockets 113, Denver Nuggets 103; Seattle SuperSonics 121, Golden State Warriors 118 (OT).

BILLIARDS

BOLTON: BCE world championship: Quarter-finals: N Dagley (Eng) bt H Griffiths (Wales), 4-1. Scores (Dagley first): 117-151, 151-45, 151-30, 150-11, 151-53; R Foldvari (Aus) bt H Nimmo (Scot), 4-2.

YACHTING

SAJIMA, Japan: Shiseido Cup international women's 470-class series: Final positions (after three days): 1, P Herndon and C Cohl (US), 6.5pts; 2, N Green and K Davis (Aus), 15.5; 3, K Noggam and A Saxo (Japan), 34.5; 4, K Hedgecock and R Rushall (GB), 37.0; 5, K Johnson and G Johnson (Can), 43.0.

FOOTBALL

ADELAIDE: Oceania Olympic qualifying matches: Israel 2, New Zealand 0; Australia 2, Taiwan 2.
SENNELAGER, WEST GERMANY: Army Challenge Cup: BAOR final: 28th Amphibious Engineer Regiment 3, 28 Signals Regiment 1.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Reading 3, Chelsea 2; Ipswich 3, Charlton 1.
SOUTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bournemouth 3, Cardiff 3; Torquay 1, Hereford 1.

TENNIS

ORLANDO, Florida: Grand prix tournament: First round: (US unless stated): M Wilander (Swe) bt T Tulasne (Fr), 6-2, 6-3; J Berger bt B Dyrez-Ydraji (Fr), 7-5, 6-2; B Becker (WG) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 7-6, 6-4; D Pate bt J Connors, 6-4, 6-3; A Agassi bt J Arias, 6-4, 6-3.

WATER SKIING

MELBOURNE: World Junior Championships: First round: Leading scores: Tricks: Boys: 1, A Benet (Fr), 8,650pts; 2, B Villeneuve (Can), 5,870; 3, S Ellis (US), 5,450. Girls: 1, J Shull (US), 4,510; 2, K de Macedo (Can), 4,370; 3, A Coble (US), 3,020. Slalom: Boys: 1, S Ellis (US), and J D Wiswall (US), 29; 3, M Tognela (It), 26.5. Girls: 1, K de Macedo (Can), 25.5; 2, J Shull (US), 22.25; 3, E Gelt (It), 21.5. Team standings: 1, US, 5,225; 2, Canada, 4,839.4; 3, Spain, 3,842.3.

SQUASH RACKETS

YORKSHIRE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Huddersfield 2, Pontefract 3 (Pontefract won tie).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 2, Boston Bruins 0; Quebec Nordiques 6, Hartford Whalers 4; New York Rangers 7, New Jersey Devils 4; New York Islanders 7, Vancouver Canucks 4; St Louis Blues 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 2.

RUGBY UNION

MOBER MEMORIAL MATCH: East Midlands 13, Barbarians 52.
UAU FINAL: Loughborough University 16, Swansea University 9.

FOOTBALL

Much to celebrate at Maryhill with Partick's extremes

By Roddy Forsyth

The peculiar affection for Partick Thistle which lingers amongst Scottish football followers surely has its roots in a kind of enforced dottiness which seems to have attended the club's activities for years.

When Thistle led Celtic, Dalglish, Macari, Hay, Gemmill *et al*, 4-0 at half-time in the Scottish League Cup Final of 1971, it was a score so preposterous that BBC *Grandstand* assumed a mistake and broadcast it the other way round.

The final result of 4-1 prompted the last of Maryhill's great nights of revelry. A dynamic, crowded tenement community three miles long, it was soon gutted to make way for an expressway which was never built. The tide of demolition left Thistle marooned in their Firhill stadium and soon the inevitable downward drift began carrying the club from the Premier Division into the league below and in recent times perilously close to the second division.

But something of a revival of fortunes has taken place at Firhill which is the scene of Scotland's only ground-sharing agreement and is also home to Clyde who were forced to move from the other side of Glasgow to make way for a proposed supermarket scheme at Shawfield.

Clyde might be able to return to their former haunt in the event of the shop deal falling through but in the meantime Maryhill celebrates a unique event as both teams prepare to appear in the quarter finals of the Scottish Cup on Saturday.

The draw divided the pair, neatly sending Clyde to face Aberdeen in the north east while giving Thistle home advantage against Celtic. The impact on Thistle was immediate with a huge demand for tickets; but typically the club became embroiled in a bizarre dispute with Strathclyde regional council which declared that Firhill should have its capacity reduced from 20,600 to under 13,000 on safety grounds hotly disputed by Thistle's engineers.

Rather than leave the centre section of terracing empty the club spent £10,000 to satisfy the council which will now allow a new crowd limit of 16,900. The arithmetic of this exercise will bring in another £14,000 after VAT deductions, of which Celtic must get half, leaving Thistle £3,000 worse off than if they had done nothing. The team itself is burdened with a similar tendency to lose out on winning hands. Conversely, it has a reputation too for sometimes snatching victory against apparently hopeless odds.

"Yes I think that's been a long tradition and it's one which I would certainly like to shake off," Billy Lamont, the manager, said. "Unfortunately it remains for different reasons now because we have a young side and when things go wrong they sometimes find it difficult to handle. I do like to think that recently we've made progress towards losing the unpredictable tag although if we're labelled as eccentric for beating Celtic on Saturday I might manage to live with it for a while longer."

Another curious feature of Firhill is the two thirds holding in Thistle owned by the Chelsea chairman, Ken Bates, who, under Scottish League rules, cannot take a seat on the board. His interest in the club is somewhat obscure. "I don't know what he gets out of it but he's up here often enough and he's been instrumental in getting us two or three useful players," Lamont said.

From the office above Lamont's, Clyde are managed by John Clark the impressive former Celtic defender who was a bedrock of the side won the European Cup in 1967. Not a man to nourish unrealistic ambition Clark is candid about Clyde's chances. "We are not strong in midfield and we have nobody with experience like Miller and McLeish at Aberdeen but we aren't likely to be frightened by the occasion and we do work hard for each other," he said.

"I had a player ask me the other day if Clyde had ever been in the quarter-finals before. He could hardly believe it when I told him we had won the Cup twice in the 1950s. It's nice to give them something to live up to".

Clark might also have mentioned that it was Aberdeen who fell to Clyde on the way to the 1955 final. Thistle, meanwhile, have no need of omens. They are officially 20-1 against to beat Celtic although not with the mere experienced Maryhill bookies, men who know exactly how much it can cost to hear a score read backwards on television.

Hamilton stakes claim for place at Oxford

Billy Hamilton, the former Northern Ireland and Oxford United forward, has expressed an interest in the manager's job at Oxford, vacant following the resignation of Maurice Evans.

Hamilton, whose career was cut short by a crippling knee injury following two cartilage operations, said yesterday: "My happiest memories of football were at Oxford. I would love to return as manager, even though I'm still learning the trade."

Hamilton has spent the last year as manager of Limerick City in the League of Ireland.

● Portsmouth supporters who have failed to get a ticket for their club's FA Cup quarter-final at Luton have been told by police not to travel on Saturday expecting to buy one. The 2,500 tickets allocated to the club by Luton were sold within 45 minutes of the ticket-office opening.

● The unsettled Aberdeen winger, Gary Hackett, is expected to join Stoke City for £110,000. The clubs have agreed a fee and 25-year-old Hackett has travelled to the second division club to sort out personal terms.

● Watford hope to complete the £210,000 signing of the Chester City forward, Stuart Rimmer, this morning. Rimmer, formerly of Everton, will give his decision after talking over the move with his family.

● The former England international midfield player, David Armstrong, now with Bournemouth, could be forced to retire because of a recurring ankle injury. Armstrong, just back after an operation which kept him out for almost six months, is to see a specialist after the trouble flared again in his team's defeat at Barnsley.

CYCLING

Kelly in assault on Yates

Valreas (AP) — Soren Lilholt, of Denmark, won the second stage of the Paris-Nice cycling race yesterday but Sean Yates, the British rider, held on to the overall lead. Sean Kelly, the winner of the last six races in the series, took second in the sprint, earned five seconds bonus time and moved into second place though still 2 minutes and 17 seconds behind Yates.

Lilholt took control of the 120-mile stage from St Etienne after nine miles and gradually built up a nine-minute lead by the 75-mile point. Pressure behind from the bunch closed the gap but Lilholt eased upto win by 72 seconds.

Yates finished in the main bunch as did Etienne de Wilde, of Belgium, and the Frenchman, Bruno Wojtinek, the latter moving to third place overall, one second behind Kelly.

Today's stage is a 110-mile leg from Salon to Toulon with Yates determined to hold on to his lead in the absence of his team's leader, Stephen Roche. The race concludes on Sunday afternoon with a time trial up a mountain near Nice.

RESULT: St Etienne to Valreas, 120 miles: 1, S Lilholt (Den), 4hr 47min 10sec; 2, S Kelly (Ire), at 1min 12sec; 3, E de Wilde (Belg); 4, E Planckaert (Bel); 5, J Kuum (Nor); 6, B Wojtinek (Fr), all at 1min 12sec. British and others: 12, S Yates (GB); 56, R Millar (GB); 57, M Elliott (GB); 70, M Earley (Ire); 82, D Davis (GB) 84, J McLoughlin (GB) all at 1:21; 147, P Watson (GB), 13:39. Overall: 1, Yates, 10:24:15; 2, Kelly, at 2:17; 3, Wojtinek, 2:17; 4, de Wilde, 2:18; 5, Kuum, 2:22, 6, Planckaert, 2:22. British and others: 41, Millar, 2:31; 46, McLoughlin, 2:31; 67, Earley, 3:10; 77, Davis, 3:26; 94, Elliott, 13:27; 150, Watson, 37:25.

BOXING

Few losers expected in Croydon

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

The bout between Clinton McKenzie and Chris Blake at Fairfield Halls tonight looks the perfect match. The loser, the winner, the promoter and the customers should all go home satisfied.

The boxers will have got the answer to the question whether or not to carry on boxing, Gary Davidson, the promoter, will feel good about helping out an old friend, and the customers will feel pleased at having seen what should be a good contest between the two light-welterweights from Croydon.

McKenzie, aged 32, with 14 title bouts in 45 contests behind him, retired 14 months ago, and Blake, aged 25, suffered a serious first-round defeat against Lloyd Christie, almost four months ago.

Davidson, who manages both boxers, said yesterday: "I did not want Clinton to come out of retirement. We were pros together but he was determined because he needs the money, so I am giving him a good pay-day. It is an interesting fight and a good test for both men

Blake was in a dejected state two weeks after his defeat by Christie, but he knows now that he did not follow instructions to keep his hands up and was caught cold. "We should know whether there are mental scars still there after tonight," Davidson said.

SQUASH RACKETS

Harris hands Thorne a double blow

From Colin McQuillan
Paris

Ross Thorne, of Australia, promoted from eight to seven on this month's world ranking list, may be the first to vote for the return of wild card entries in grand prix matches. Yesterday in Paris he lost a second successive first-round encounter to Del Harris, the British champion, who rose from the qualifying rounds of the Guy Laroche French Open to win 15-11, 15-3, 15-5 in 47 minutes with much the same panache as he displayed against Thorne in the Spanish Open last week.

Harris, aged 18 and just setting out on his international career after dominating British squash this season, is ranked 98 on the world list and under the rules of the International Squash Players' Association must qualify for a place in the main draws of their events despite regular wins over high-ranked players.

In Madrid last week, on a magnificent show court and under normal international rules, Harris beat Thorne 9-7, 9-2, 9-2. Yesterday the scoring was the American point-per-rally system, experimentally in use again by ISPA.

RESULTS: First round: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt S Elopuro (Fin), 15-4, 15-9, 15-9; R Wall (NZ) bt O Zaman (Pak), 15-6, 15-14, 15-5; C Robertson (Aus) bt A Wahlstedt (Swe), 15-10, 15-6, 15-5; D Hailstone (Scot) bt D Meddings (Eng), 15-8, 9-15, 15-13, 15-13; R Hill (Aus) bt J Hickox (Eng), 15-13, 5-15, 15-8, 15-3; R Eyles (Aus) bt T Nancarrow (Aus), 17-15, 15-7, 17-15; D Harris (Eng) bt R Thorne (Aus), 15-11, 15-3, 15-5; Z Jahan (Pak) bt B Beeson (Eng), 7-15, 9-15, 15-13, 15-14, 15-7; C Dittmer (Aus) bt H Jahan (Eng), 15-7, 15-9, 17-15; R Martin (Aus) bt F Johnson (Swe), 15-10, 13-15, 15-14, 15-9; M Bodimeade (Eng) bt N Harvey (Eng), 15-7, 15-14, 15-9.

LACROSSE

Brook makes her mark

Goals by junior England players Joanne Brook (2) and Melissa Webb, gave St Swithun's School, Winchester, a 3-0 victory over Haberdashers', Monmouth for the Parker Salver (seniors) in the national schoolgirls' tournament at Merton yesterday (Peter Tatlow writes).

In an all-Surrey final for the Dodd Cup (junior), Claremont Fancourt, of Esher, beat Coloma, of Croydon, 3-0.

RESULTS: Parker Salver (seniors): Semi-finals: St Swithun's, Winchester 4, St Helen and St Katharine, Abingdon 3 (aet); Haberdashers', Monmouth 1, Heathfield, Pinner 0. Final: Haberdashers' 0, St Swithun's 3. Dodd Cup (juniors): Semi-finals: Coloma, Croydon 1, St Maurs, Weybridge 0; St Swithun's 1, Claremont, Esher 2. Final: Claremont 3, Coloma 0.

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Great motivator denied an international stage



Clough: an attacking philosophy

By David Miller

It has taken Brian Clough seven years to erase the consequences of three of his worst misjudgements during his managerial career. I am not stating this. He is.

The old familiar irreverance, directed amicably at his own players as well as the opposition, at directors and administrators and occasionally at himself, is unchanged. It is, besides successful teams, his hallmark: a sign of assertive self-confidence, yet also a shortcoming which has repeatedly frightened the FA away from giving him the ultimate acknowledgement, the management of the England team.

"I made three bad signings — Wallace, Ward and Fashanu," Clough admits. "I'm as bad a judge of strikers as Walter Winterbottom — he only gave me two caps. The cost of those three, plus the new stand, has taken me all this time to clear."

Since winning the European Cup for the second successive season in 1980, the summit of three years unprecedented achievement for Forest after leading them out of the second division, Clough has won nothing. He is weary of being reminded, though his enthusiasm, and his expectation, are as optimistic as ever.

Nottingham Forest are presently second in the League table, their reserves lead the Central League, the A team are front runners in the Midland Intermediate, the Youth XI are in the quarter-final of the FA Youth Cup. On Saturday, the first team meet Arsenal in the FA Cup sixth round. "We could have done with something *slightly* less difficult," Clough says, in that nasally, complaining Yorkshire voice that is the delight of mimics.

Maurice Roworth, the club chairman, is almost more enthusiastic than his manager. "This is the most exciting period of the club's history," he says. Such a claim might seem exaggerated; but not when you consider that Forest stand where they do, with an uncommonly healthy bank balance, with a staff of young players which Clough and his assistants, Ron Fenton, Liam O'Kane and Archie Gemmill, have developed themselves.

Roworth justifies his decision, *roundly criticized in public*, to deny Clough the chance to be *additionally* the part-time manager of Wales by saying that the responsibilities would unavoidably have permeated Clough's thoughts and judgements with Forest.

Unaggressively, Clough challenges this view. "*The chairman* and I work well together, there's little we disagree on," he says. "Yet I was staggered that the board didn't think I could do the job. It would have been beneficial both for me and the club, it would have made me fresher."

My view is that it is a less intemperate Clough that we see nowadays, and that the Welsh challenge would indeed have been invigorating: for Wales, for him and for the public. The time has perhaps arrived when he should be trusted with the diplomatic responsibilities of international team management to which, on the field, he has always been likely to bring originality.

And discipline, too. What distinguishes Forest, apart from an *outstanding 10 years back in the* first division, is a record of sound *behaviour and few personal problems* off the pitch. There has always been *room for only one* verbal catherine wheel at Clough's clubs. *Yet to sit in the dressing-room just* before he sends out his team is to realise that few managers have such a rapport with their players.

The club, I remarked to him, is in particularly good shape. How does he maintain his own motivation after 16 years at the top?

"I'm in good nick, too," he says expansively. "I'll tell you what winds me up. Jimmy Sirrel (the former Notts County manager now scouting for Derby) came to see us two months ago. 'I see you're still winning,' he said. That's what keeps you going. *Winning.* We may not have won a trophy recently, but we've won a thousand matches, at all levels. Look around at these young boys here, at their eagerness. I look forward to each new season."

The difficult bit, he admits, was survival in the top half of the first division, with a new stand which they could not fill, and no more million pound players. They could, he implies, have plummeted like Villa or Sunderland or Wolves. Since winning the League title in 1978, Forest's position over nine years has been: second, fifth, seventh, twelfth, fifth, third, ninth, eighth, eighth. "I've won what no one else but Bob Paisley has had — permanent employment," he says.

The only way in which he now feels out of touch with players as the age gap widens, he says, is in their taste in music. Teaching a full-back how to tackle or head the ball never changes.

"*It never will.*" he says. "That's the easy part. Sometimes it can be *difficult convincing* the team that your principles are right when *they've just lost to a team playing a* different way. But we're playing *exactly the same as we did eight* years ago — good football."

Gemmill, so long one of his architects on the pitch and now his coach, agrees. "It's *the same as* when I joined them 20 years ago," he says. "*Go and attack the* opposition. We play to win."

END COLUMN

Golfing oasis is not a mirage

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Dubai

In the unlikely setting of the Arabian desert, James Williams has created a piece of golfing history which his former Shropshire county colleagues, Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam, can never hope to emulate.

For the Welshman, aged 29, the green, green grass of home is now an astonishing patchwork section of the desert floor, measuring some 700,000 square metres, and known as the Emirates Golf Club. It is the first grass championship course to be constructed in the Gulf and Williams has the honour of being the first professional.

It was on Tuesday that President Zia of Pakistan officially opened the course, which will be inaugurated tomorrow with a £90,000 challenge match, when Howard Clark and Sam Torrance face the Australians, Rodger Davis and Graham Marsh, for the Dunhill Trophy.

It is hoped that the 1989 European Tour will decide to start here next March and if that comes to fruition then the European golfing caravan will come to a stop in the desert simply because of one man's love of racing.

Worlds away from golf at Doncaster

For Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the UAE Minister of Defence, who owns more than 1,000 thoroughbreds worth probably in excess of £500 million, was watching a televised race meeting at Doncaster when it was interrupted by a shot of a local golf course. Alongside him sat Stephen Trutch, from Leeds, a seven handicap golfer.

Sheikh Mohammed displayed an interest, acknowledging that it could consolidate Dubai's reputation as an international sporting venue, and Trutch became the project co-ordinator for a course that stretches 7,100 yards with a par of 72 and cost about £1 million to build.

That sum, of course, dims in comparison to the £7 million — give or take the odd £100,000 — which Sheikh Mohammed paid for a yearling called Snaafi Dancer, which never even saw a racecourse.

Even so, there has been no cost-cutting since 18 months ago Sheikh Mohammed settled on the site, which is a 15-minute drive from the airport along the main highway which reaches on to Abu Dhabi.

The clue to the success of the project was a giant desalination plant that purifies Gulf water for the million gallons a day which is required in the scorching summers to satisfy the thirst of the hybrid Bermuda grass, brought in from Tifton, Georgia. Two lakes were created to hold 10 million gallons of water while some 750 sprinklers are served by an intricate network of underground pipes.

Irrigation makes the desert bloom

Nitrogen, phosphate and potassium were introduced to help feed the grass which had been hand-sown onto the greens and planted hydraulically on the fairways. Royal palms from South America, Washingtonias, casuarinas and cacti from Arizona and California, along with date and coconut palms, are among the thousands of trees and shrubs that complement this desert greenery.

The distinctive clubhouse, space-age in design though characteristically resembling a family of bedouin tents, will be "home" initially for 500 members, although 1,500 are contemplated. Trutch said: "After tomorrow's challenge match my office stops financing it and the board of directors, on which two sheikhs will sit, will look after the affairs of the club. I would expect the annual subscription to be around £3,000 next year."

The entire project has cost £5 million and even Sheikh Mohammed's tastebuds for playing the game appeared to be whetted as he sat on the edge of his seat watching the Manchester professional, Noel Hunt, perform his unique repertoire of trick shots at the opening ceremony.

"You never know, he could become one of my pupils" Williams said. "At present only a couple of Arabs play golf but if the sheikh takes up the game then there really could be a golfing explosion here."

Bannister set for return to Coventry

By Chris Moore

Gary Bannister, the free-scoring Queen's Park Rangers forward, is poised to rejoin Coventry City today for £300,000. The former England under-21 international, aged 27, began his career at Highfield Road 10 years ago before being sold to Sheffield Wednesday for £100,000 during the summer of 1981.

Bannister is understood to have agreed terms with John Sillett, the Coventry manager, yesterday, though Sillett was not available to say whether the deal had been completed.

"It was one I could have *turned down*," *Jim Smith*, the QPR manager, said. "But there are *certain times* when you have to sell players to be able to *deal in the market* elsewhere. I want to change a couple of *things around* for next season and need the cash to be able to do so."

Bannister, who has averaged almost a goal every two *games during his career*, was linked with a return to *Highfield Road last summer* when he was quoted as saying *he would "walk back to Coventry"* if they wanted him. But Sillett instead chose to *invest a* club-record fee of £750,000 on *David Speedie*.

Ironically, it has been Speedie's struggle to find his form at Highfield Road this season that prompted Sillett's swoop for Bannister yesterday. This is bound to fuel speculation about the future of the other Coventry forwards, *in particular*, Speedie himself, Cyrille Regis and Keith Houchen, at least one of whom would become surplus.

In his first spell at Highfield Road, Bannister scored three goals in 22 appearances.

Machin's gamble leaves four on the injury list

By Ian Ross

The best-laid plans of Mel Machin, the Manchester City manager, are in ruins this morning with just three days to go before their FA Cup sixth-round tie against the competition favourites, Liverpool, at Maine Road on Sunday.

Machin was left counting *the cost of the* 2-1 League victory over Sheffield United *on Tuesday night, with four* key players injured at Bramall *Lane now rated doubtful for* the televised game.

The most concern is for the young midfield player, Paul Lake, who is widely tipped as a future England international and whose value is conservatively estimated at £1 million. Lake limped off during the midweek game and was yesterday receiving intensive treatment on a badly bruised and swollen left knee.

City's other casualties are the captain, Clements (gashed knee), Brightwell (groin strain) and Scott (bruised thigh).

Machin, who fielded his strongest available side at Sheffield in an attempt to breathe new life into the club's fading second-division promotion challenge, admitted that, at best, all four men have only an even chance of facing the League champions elect.

"It will be a tense and long countdown," Machin said. "*This is obviously the very* last thing I wanted because it *wrecks everything right up* until the last minute. It means *that my selection plans are* now open to all sorts of *possible permutations.*

"I had more or less got my team line-up in my mind before this happened. We are just going to have to carry on and not mention Liverpool *until much later in the week.*"

Of the casualties, Brightwell is the most likely to recover in time to take his place before a crowd that is likely to exceed 46,000. The good news for Machin as he attempts to plot Liverpool's downfall is that the defender, Gidman, and the midfield player, McNab, both of whom missed Tuesday's game through injury, are back in training and should be available for selection.

The highly rated forward, *Paul Stewart, will return to the* side after completing a two-*match suspension.* Machin still believes his side to be capable of inflicting what would be Liverpool's second *defeat of the season. City have* won their last three games and earlier *in the season knocked* both Watford and Nottingham Forest out of the Littlewoods Cup on home soil.

Machin said: "This is a one-off situation — a classic underdog tie — but if we do play to our best standards we can beat anyone, as I have said before. The occasion could get to us but I don't think it will because earlier in the season we played at Everton in the Littlewoods Cup and that was *good experience for us.*"

Liverpool will be without *the full back, Venison, who* had his appendix removed on *Tuesday and will be sidelined* for at least a month.

Gillespie, the Scottish international, could well return after a six-match absence because of a torn thigh muscle; also in line for recalls after injury are Whelan and Aldridge.

Cloud over Hollins

Although John Hollins, the Chelsea manager — who was told last week that his contract will not be renewed in June — had his position confirmed on the return from a trip to South America by his chairman, Ken Bates, his future remains clouded (Dennis Signy writes).

Hollins is understood to have taken legal advice when his coach, Ernie Walley, left Stamford Bridge the day after Bates went abroad and Bobby Campbell, the former Fulham and Portsmouth manager, was later appointed by the directors without his recommendation.

Although Hollins publicly accepted that he would work with Campbell, I understand that there have been discussions with Bates about the appointment of the new coach and about a clause in his three-year contract which might entitle him to a three-year notice period or compensation, estimated to amount to some £160,000.

Meanwhile, Hollins retains team selection and super*vision of tactics and Campbell* oversees the coaching and works *with the players.*

Cup replay dates

Replay dates for the FA Cup sixth round:

Wednesday, March 16 (7.30 unless stated): Nottingham Forest v Arsenal; Portsmouth v Luton Town; Watford v Wimbledon (7.45); Liverpool v Manchester City.



Hit and won: Smith, of New Zealand, waits in vain as Fairbrother launches out. Report, page 42

Hanley to stay put at Wigan

By A Special Correspondent

Ellery Hanley, Wigan's Great Britain captain, has settled his differences with his club and is ready to play in Saturday's Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final against Salford.

The rift between Graham Lowe, the Wigan coach, and Rugby League's highest-paid player was repaired yesterday in a meeting between the two men. Lowe said: "I'm not saying what we discussed but we are both looking forward to getting on with the business."

Hanley was dropped last month and put on the transfer list *at a record £225,000 after* Lowe had accused him of *uncooperative behaviour in* training. The Wigan board is *expected to remove his name* from the transfer list.

Joe Lydon, the Great Britain threequarter, has recovered from a leg muscle injury and is also expected to be in Wigan's team. However, the New Zealand centre, Dean Bell, who has recovered from a four-month lay-off following surgery, has tonsillitis and seems certain to miss the match.

Preston changes codes in despair

By Peter Bills

Mark Preston, the Fylde left wing, yesterday switched rugby codes from Union to League and said: "I wanted a Wigan shirt more than an England Union one."

Preston, who scored 59 tries in 62 games for Fylde, *realized a lifelong ambition in* turning professional. "My *family as far back as my* grandfather had supported *Wigan,*" he said. "*I am proud* to have joined them."

Behind the transfer, believed to be worth £30,000 over three years, lies the story of another promising Union player suffering abject disillusionment.

"I had played for England B against Italy last week and felt I did pretty well," he said. "I scored a try and felt satisfied with my performance. But then when the team to play Spain was selected I was not even on the replacements bench. No one said anything to me about it, I was left to guess why I had been dropped.

"I had felt there was a chance of playing for England at some stage in the future. I suspected that by the time England might come around to picking me I would probably be over 25 and past my best. I do not pretend my exclusion from the England B side for the next match was the only reason but it did influence my decision."

Preston believes that England's selections are bold enough to take the kind of selection gamble that saw Wales choose Clement, the Swansea stand-off half, at full back. "At Fylde we despaired of ever seeing selectors unless they wanted to watch Dooley or Bainbridge," he said.

Preston was scheduled to make his League debut in Wigan's A side at Hull KR last night. He expects to spend the remainder of this season in their reserves, adapting to the change of codes, before pushing for a first-team place next season.

The Fylde chairman, Peter Makin, said: "He will be a great loss to the Union game. We think he has been the most outstanding wing who has ever played for us."

Woodcock praised by Sports Council

John Woodcock, of *The Times*, is today given a special commendation in the Sports Journalist of the Year awards promoted by the Sports Council and the Sports Writers' Association of Great Britain.

He is cited for his contribution to sports journalism.

Woodcock was Cricket Correspondent of this newspaper for 34 years until the beginning of this year, when he chose to move a little down the batting order after covering more than 300 Test matches.

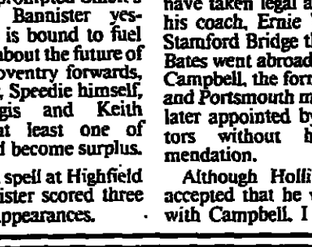
He continues to write on cricket for *The Times*.

Woodcock is one of several of *The Times*'s sports journalists who have won awards in recent years: David Miller, Simon Barnes and John Goodbody are the others.

OTHER SPORTS COUNCIL AWARDS: Feature writer (and sports journalist of the year), Ian Wooldridge (*Daily Mail*); commended, Ken Jones (*The Independent*). Reporter, Colin Hart (*The Sun*); commended, Bob Harris (*Today*), Matthew Engel (*The Guardian*), Michael McDonnell (*Daily Mail*). Magazine writer, Lyn Guest de Swarte (*Sportswoman*); commended, Peter Nichols (freelance), John Lloyd (*Camper*), Randal Northam (*Athletics Today*). Provincial daily writer, David Hopps (*Yorkshire Post*); commended, Brian McNally (*The Journal*, Newcastle). Weekly writer, Richard Tugwell (*Oxford Times*); commended, Sally Newman (*Ealing Gazette*), Lee Coleman (*Herald-Express*, Torquay).

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Tyre tests still bring the best out of Ferrari

Rio de Janeiro (AP) — Ferrari continued to dominate tyre tests for Formula One teams here with Michele Alboreto, of Italy, setting the fastest lap for the second successive day.

Alboreto, in the new Ferrari turbo, had a best lap of 1min 30.21sec around the 3.125-mile course at the Nelson Piquet track.

The big surprise of the day was the excellent time of the Benetton-Ford driven by Thierry Boutsen, of Belgium. Boutsen recorded the second-fastest time, 1min 30.81sec, even though his aspirated engine has less horsepower than the turbos. The fifth best time, of 1min 31.61sec, came from Nigel Mansell in his Williams.

The tests continue until Saturday, *in preparation for* the Brazilian Grand Prix, which opens the season on April 3.

Williams rewarded

Geoff Williams, the former *national champion, has* jumped from sixth place to *first in the new Squash Rack*ets Association rankings list.

He replaces Neil Harvey, of Essex, thanks to wins over the *world-ranked Ross Norman* and Umar Hayat Khan, and over Harvey and the British No. 2, Phil Kenyon. Del Harris has been offered a wild-card entry to the British open championships in April.



Williams: heads rankings

The final bell

Teofilo Stevenson, who won the Olympic heavyweight boxing title *in 1972, 1976 and* 1980, will formally retire in *June. Stevenson, who will be* 36 on March 20, is the only *man besides Laszlo Papp, of* Hungary, to have won three *consecutive Olympic gold* medals in boxing.

Banned for life

Lincoln City have banned a supporter, aged 20, for life *from their Sincil Bank* Ground after he was con*victed of a public order of*fence at the FA Trophy *quarter-final match at Enfield* last Saturday. Darren Raby admitted the offence at Enfield Magistrates on Monday when he was fined £100 with £15 costs.

Drivers strike

Antwerp (Reuter) — Bus and tram drivers in Antwerp will *stop carrying supporters to* "problem" football matches following recent outbreaks of violence. Two coaches and *two trams were wrecked* and drivers attacked after a league game involving Antwerp and Bruges last month. "This has gone too far," a trade union spokesman said yesterday. "The authorities cannot guarantee our safety, so we will take care of ourselves."

Joining Sale

Steve Burnhill, the former England Rugby Union centre, is leaving Leicester to join Sale *at the end of the season.* Burnhill, who went on England's *tour to South Africa in* 1984, has decided to move *because he cannot command a* regular first-team place and is tired of making 200-mile round trips from his home in Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, for training and games.

Hawke's plea leads to a Lord's rethink

The Australian Aboriginal team, which is to tour England this summer, will play MCC on the main ground at Lord's on June 28 (Ivo Tennant writes). The match was previously scheduled for the Nursery ground.

MCC's change of mind follows a request from the Australian prime minister, Bob Hawke. "As a gesture of goodwill and because Australia are celebrating their bicentenary, we agreed to their wishes," Lt Col John Stephenson, the secretary of MCC, said.

As there will be only one day in 17 free from cricket at Lord's in this period, the match may well take place on the pitch used for Eton v Harrow three days earlier. MCC's team will largely comprise players of Test or county experience.